

This is Berk

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Summary: Jack Frost, Winter Spirit and Protector of Berk. Hiccup knows him since he was Born and Jack had been his first and best Friend since then. Suddenly new Feelings appear and Hiccup struggles with them. Spirits are not allowed to love mortals. Hiccup is desperate and Jack has no idea what to do. Will there be a happy End for their Love? - Rated T to be sure

## 1. Prologue

This is Berk. 9 Months in the year it snows and the other 3 it's raining. We have sheep, yacks, chickens and Dragons. Berk has its very own Protector, Jack Frost. He had lived here even before the first Viking came. He's always protecting us and every other creature. Jack is not just our Protector; he is also a friend, a healer, an adviser and the best Storyteller I know. He knows also pretty much because he always travels to other islands and countries in those 3 Months he's away to bring others snow. Those 3 Months are always pretty boring. There was no Jack playing Tricks on others. Everyone loves Jack but that hadn't been always like this. There was a Time when he was hated and feared but then he saved my Grand-Grand-Grandfather when he was still a Child. When my Grand-Grand-Grandfather became Chief Jack was finally accepted. We really have to thank him. He already protected us from big Snowstorms, Outcasts, big Waves and heavy Storms but he wasn't able to protect us from Dragons or other animals because he's responsible for them too. Just the day before I met Toothless, Jack had flown off to other islands and countries. I really want to know how he will react when he finds out that there was now peace between us and the dragons. Today's the Day when he finally comes back. The first Day of Winter. For a very long time Jack had been my only and best friend. I always miss him when he's away but I know he has his responsibilities to take care of. We can really be proud to have someone like him as our Protector and Friend.

Hiccup looked up from his Book and watched the horizon. Still no Jack. It was still afternoon and Jack never came back before evening. He wanted to welcome Jack on Toothless to surprise him. At least he could now fly as well but not exactly like him. Jack rode the Winds to fly. That was always pretty impressive. Hiccup watched the Horizon for a few more hours when he finally could see a blue light sparkling. That just had to be Jack. Hiccup got on Toothless. "Time to say hello to an old Friend, Bud." Toothless flew off into the cold air. He knows Jack for a quiet long time too. Jack is also their Protector as long as they live or stay at Berk. Jack is the only thing Toothless could remember from his time as a baby Dragon. He was always happy to see him.

They got closer to the blue light and could already see snow-white hair. When Jack reached them he stopped for a few seconds to take a look at them. He flew around them before he stopped in front of them. "Well, I expected everything but that is really impressive. Or am I dreaming?" Jack smiled and showed his sparkling and perfect white teeth. He was wearing brown leather pants which reached just above his ankles. On his belt was a Dagger made from icesteal, a beautiful blue steel maybe even colder than Jack himself. He was wearing a blue shirt and above it a dark blue long poncho with white Snowflakes at the end and a hood. He was holding his wooden staff in his right hand. He also wore some vambraces made out of blue colored leather that covered his forearm and the half of his hands. It was decorated with a line of snowflakes. Hiccup smiled. "Well, not really. This is Toothless, Toothless this is Jack." Jack smiled and flew next to Toothless. "Hey, you were that little Baby dragon that got lost on its first flight, aren't you?" Toothless purred in agreement. "Then you two already met before." Hiccup said and Jack nodded. "I see. Well the others sure want to see you back too." "I swear, if they make a Party again, I will leave immediately!" Jack said while flying to the village with Hiccup and Toothless. "Well, they said that you wouldn't mind and soâ€¦" Jack sighted. "Okayâ€¦let's get over with that." Jack said and sighted again.

When they landed in the village, Jack got a \_big \_hug from Stoick and Gobber, which Jack both knew since they were babies. He was also welcomed by the other Villagers. "Mind if someone tells me the whole story? It is really a little confusing." Jack said after the welcoming Part and so Hiccup told Jack everything. "You think you can heal his leg?" Stoick asked Jack after the Story. "Wellâ€¦I can't make things grow again but I could still take a look at it." "It's okay Dad, really. I quiet got along with that by now." Hiccup interrupted. "I still want Jack to take a look." Stoick decided and Hiccup sighted. Jack put an arm around him. "Well, he's just worried but now, let us enjoy the Party. You could dance with Astrid." Hiccup blushed and Jack laughed.

After a while Jack sat down next to Toothless. "It's good to see that this useless killing and fighting is finally over." Toothless looked at Jack. "And I'm also glad you two are getting along so well." Jack smiled and scratched Toothless behind his ear. "I've always knew that this little brat would bring some change in things." Toothless laid his head in Jack's leg and wanted to get more scratched. Jack laughed and fulfilled his wish.

"They seem to get along very well." Astrid said to Hiccup. Hiccup smiled and nodded "Jack is also their Friend." Astrid smiled. "You're right." Hiccup laughed when Toothless was licking Jack's Face, which

was now completely covered with salvia. It was right. Jack knew Toothless longer than Hiccup did and even longer than Hiccup Jack does.

After the Party most of the Villagers had gone home. "Jack, have you seen new Dragons? You know for our Book." Fishlegs asked. Jack laughed slightly. "Indeed. I have seen one that is just living in tropical areas but I'll tell you more tomorrow. You should now get home and catch some rest." Fishlegs did as he was said but he was still a little disappointed. "I really need some rest right now." Jack said and stretched himself. "In your cave?" Jack looked at Hiccup. "eh, yes." Jack said. "You know Iâ€¦We could visit you now up thereâ€¦" Hiccup scratched his head. "I know that but the thing isâ€¦I don't like visit in my home. If I would like to have visitors I would have asked for a Place down here. I'm Sorry Hic but maybe one time you can come but not at the moment." Jack said and ruffled Hiccups Hair. "Ohâ€¦Okay." He was disappointed and Jack knew that. "What about I join you guys tomorrow in Training? I'm dying to see you guys fly." Jack smiled. Hiccup looked at him. "Sure! You're always welcome!" Hiccup smiled and Jack smiled back. "Now, I think your old enough to get home alone especially that you now have a Night Fury at your side." Jack joked. "Yeah you're right. I guess I see you then tomorrow." Hiccup said and left the hall with Toothless at his side. Just a few moments later he saw a blue light starting from the hall and disappearing into the clouds around the mountain. Sometimes Jack was a blue light and sometimes he was just invisible. Hiccup wanted to know why, which brought him on an idea but that could wait until tomorrow.

## 2. Chapter 1: Realizing

The next morning came fast and Hiccup was full of energy. He wanted to meet the others and tell them about his idea. When he was ready he left the house and flew to the academy on Toothless. Everyone was already there, expect Jack. Just perfect. He landed and got from Toothless. They were in a fierce discussion. "Okay guys calm down. What's going on?" Hiccup asked. "Well, we came up with the idea to write down some things about Jack in our Book. I mean, what really do we know about him?" Astrid said. "Funny, I came up with the same idea last night." Hiccup said. "See!" Astrid said to the others. "I meanâ€¦isn't this hurting Jacks Privacyâ€¦I just think he wouldn't like us to ask some questions." Fishlegs said. "Then we make him tell us." Snotlout said. "Dude, don't mess with Jack." Ruffnut said. "Yeah, expect you want to be an ice block." Tuffnut said. "We'll find a way to figure things out but not now. Jack will be here in any minute so-" Just in that Moment Jack landed in the arena.

"Nice what you made out of this place." Jack said looking around. "So." Jack turned to the others. "Tell me what you guys are doing today." Jack smiled and sat down on his staff. "Well, I thought of some competition." Hiccup explained. "Not again a Quiz!" Snotlout snorted. "Not a Quiz. Some flying competitions." The other looked at Hiccup excited. "Sounds good." Jack said. "Ruffnut, Tuffnut, you guys first." The Twins just started and showed their talents. Until they couldn't decide to go left or to go right and so they crashed down in the arena but it seemed like they didn't even mind the headaches they got. "Okayâ€¦Snotlout you're next." Snotlout got on Hookfang and started. But he lost control too after a few moments and crashed down too. "Fishlegs, your turn." Fishlegs flew out of the arena on

Meatballs, made a circle and came back. "Wohoo! New record!" He cheered and Jack raised his eyebrow. "Astrid." Astrid was already up and showed what she had learned and to be true, it was really impressing. When she came back she looked at Hiccup. "Let's see if you can beat that." She said and smiled. "Okay bud. Time to show what we can." Toothless flew out of the arena and got faster by every second. They flew through the sky like a fish swam through water. They were a very good team. When they got back Jack clapped his hands.

"You're guys are amazing!" He said. "But you still need a little advice from someone who knew how to fly in the right way. What do you think if I would teach you all some useful things? I mean since there's peace between you and the dragons there's much less to do for me. I could spare some time." Jack offered. Hiccup looked at the others. "What? I mean the right way to fly is to fly on dragons." Snotlout said. Jack rolled his eyes. "I see. Then this whole crashing down was intended." He said and crossed his arms. "Yeah!" Snotlout said. Jack giggled. "I see." Jack smiled. "What would you teach us?" Fishlegs asked excited. "At first, how to work with the wind. Most of you just work against it. Except that I have a pretty big Knowledge about Dragons." "But I thought that was all in the book?" Hiccup asked. "Nearly everything. At least that what I let the Vikings know back then. If I would have told you guys everything, there wouldn't be any dragons around us anymore." The all looked at each other. "I'll show you."

Jack stick two fingers in his mouth and blew a whistle. Just a few moments later there was a little, thin and blue dragon flying toward them. It was the same size than a thin Terror but looked different. It had a white stomach and a light blue Back. The Wings were thin and dark blue. It had small Horns and sharp teeth. It's eyes were dark blue. Jack reached out his arm and the Dragon landed on it. "Guys, this is Frostbite." Jack introduced the Dragon. "Wow, I've never seen one like that! What's he?" Fishlegs asked. "It's an Ice Dragon of course! We met over two hundred years ago." "It's an old grandpa then." Snotlout joked. Frostbite got up and tackled Snotlout to the ground. "Whooo dooo yooouuu caaall heeereee ooold?" The dragon fizzled. "I-it's talking!" Snotlout shouted. "Frostbite come back here." Jack laughed and the Dragon growled one last time at Snotlout before he got up and landed on Jack's shoulder. "You're Dragon! He can talk!" the other looked at Frostbite. "ooof cooouursee." Frostbite said proudly and held his head high. Jack smiled. "I taught him. Dragons are pretty smart." Frostbite flew up and left. "Why he just flew away?" Astrid asked. "I don't know." Jack shrugged. "But! He is your dragon." Fishlegs said. "He's not my Dragon. He's my Friend but I don't say him what to do. He's free to go when or where ever he wants just like me." Hiccup looked up. That's when he got it.

"What do you think Hiccup?" Astrid suddenly asked. "W..what?" "Well, we just thought that having Jack once or twice here to teach us some things would be a great idea." She said. "Yeah! I agree." "Are you alright?" Astrid asked. "yeah, yeah I'm fine. If you guys excuse me now I got something to do." Hiccup got on Toothless and was gone in a few seconds. "No school today!" The twins cheered and left too. "Well, now that we are free..." Snotlout said and got closer to Astrid. "eww!" She pushed him away. "Jack smiled. "Now. I'm gone too. There is still much to do." He was gone with the wind.

Hiccup sat on the stone near the pond where he had met Toothless. Toothless was sitting in front of him and looked at him. What was up with him? Hiccup sighed. Jack was free to go and come how he wished. Jack could leave him in every minute. But why was it so important? There was just such a pain when he thinks about it. Why? WHY? "Hiccup?" Hiccup shot up and looked into Jack's pure blue eyes. He flew above Hiccup and hung upside down in front of him. "I'm fine." He said. "Hiccup. We're Friends for well your entire life to be exactly. I know when something's wrong with you." "No. I'm Fine." Hiccup said and walked to Toothless. "Hic-" "I'm fine!" Hiccup said and left with Toothless. "What just happened?" Jack asked himself and watched Hiccup leaving.

"What's wrong with me?" he asked himself while he was flying on Toothless. Toothless purred, trying to comfort his Friend. "I mean I'm acting like..." He stopped. He knew but was it true? It's not normal right? No it wasn't. Why always him?

### 3. Chapter 2: Questions

A few days passed and Hiccup tried his best to avoid Jack and he knew he was hurting his Friend. He could see it in Jack's look. It was sad and hurt. He wasn't feeling better but what was he supposed to do? Tell him was no option and he wasn't even sure if it was true. Maybe he should test it. He was at home and lying on his bed. Toothless was with him. He could hear how his Father entered the house but he wasn't alone. "Are you sure Jack?" Stoick asked. "Pretty sure. It will come in a few days from east. It will strike the village with all its power. You better make some Preparations." Jack said. Hiccup got closer to listen. "What can you do for us?" Jack closed his eyes and thought. "I could try to switch the course at least a little. I will also create a shield to less the Storm a little bit but it won't help much. My time's running out and with that it'll come even faster." Stoick nodded. "I see. Are you sure that you can take that?" Jack shook his head. "No. But I'll do whatever I can." Stoick nodded. "I will make preparations and give some orders. How many days have we left until the Storm comes?" "Two maybe three." Stoick nodded. "Good. You'll rest until then." Jack rolled his eyes. "You just sound like my Father Stoick." Stoick laughed. "Well he gave you in my custody and I don't want to displease him." Jack smiled. "Sure." "But now I really need to organize things." With that Stoick left, followed by Jack.

Hiccup was really confused right now. What was Jack meaning when he said, that his time was running out? What was going on? He just noticed that he actually knew nothing about Jack. He didn't even know that Jack has a Father. He had never mentioned him. Hiccup just walked down the stairs when he saw Jack which looked at him. He grabbed his Staff, turned around and left. Hiccup ran after him. "Jack! Wait up!" Jack turned around. "Oh, finally talking to me again?" He said and he sounded not pleased. "Listen, I'm sorry. I just wasn't myself. I got a lot to think of and..." Hiccup stopped. It all sounded so ridiculous. Jack looked at him. "Then why not talking with me? I thought that we're Friends. You know you can rely on me and trust me." "I know! I just... I'm so sorry I never meant to hurt you. You are my Friend maybe even the best I'll ever get." Jack looked at Hiccup. "I think it's okay. I mean everyone needs its privacy and maybe I overreacted. So I'm sorry too." Jack smiled. Hiccup sighed in relief. "Then, mind telling me what's going on?"

Jack looked at him. "You listened to me and your Father, right? Then why do you ask?" Hiccup shrugged. "Well I got some Questions." Jack nodded. "All right. Let's get inside and I'll tell you a few things." Hiccup nodded. "Sure."

They walked inside. They sat down at the table and Jack leaned his Staff against it. "So, go ahead!" Jack said and laid his arms on the table. "Well, I was asking me what you meant, when you said that your time is running out?" Jack huffed but smiled. "I see. Normally this is something I'm just discussing with the Chief and you're no one yet but I guess that I could make an exception. You see, Spirits that are nature based or responsible for the Seasons, take a break to regain their Powers. This happens normally in their off-seasons but I'm active all year so I don't take that break. I take little breaks like a few days every now and then. At the Moment I'm nearly at my limit. So a break is soon necessary." Jack explained. "Can you tell me more about this?" Jack was thinking. "Well, it's the only time I'm completely off guard but there was never someone who disturbed me. Disturbing a spirit in its break is fatal for both parts. If I would use my Powers without Break, well I would fall asleep immediately when they'reâ€|wellâ€|used." "Fatal? What do you mean?" Jack sighted. "It'sâ€|complicated. Think about what happens when you wake up a Dragon in its deep sleep." Hiccup looked at Jack. "They get aggressive but what has that to do with you?" Jack looked at him. "If you would wake up a Spirit in its break, it will get aggressive too. The Spirit would attack you with a strong wave of its Powers and using Powers in the break is not healthy for Spirits. In the worst case, both die." Hiccup looked at him surprised. "That'sâ€|well very interesting. Remind me to never wake you up when you're sleeping." Jack shook his head. "No. There's a big difference between the break and just sleeping. During the break, the spirits have nearly no body activity. When we sleep, we're still breathing and dreaming. During the break we do none of that." Hiccup nodded.

"You mentioned your Father during the speech with my Dad." Jack sighted heavy. "Yeahâ€|my Father." He smiled somehow sad and looked outside. "What's with him?" Hiccup asked. "He's not my real Father. He somehow adopted me when I was still a young Spirit. He's somehowâ€|The leader of the Spirits together with some others. They call themselves the Guardians." Jack explained. "And he's the leader of those Guardians?" Hiccup asked and Jack nodded. "He's always busy, not that I would mind I'm not often with him, but having him as your Father isâ€|difficult. All Spirits are respecting him. It's like he's their King or something like that. And me, as his son, wellâ€|Everyone is watching every move I make. If I do something wrong, it backslide back on him. I'm sorry I'm just talking you full with my sorrows." Jack laughed abashed and scratched his head. "No, no! It's okay! Like you said. We're Friends. Well to be honest. I really know how you feelâ€|" Hiccup sighted. "Back then it was a hard time for me too. Not able to kill dragons and your Father is the greatest Dragonkiller in the whole village!" "But now you have the chance to change that. Everyone is now looking up at you." Jack said and smiled warmth. Hiccups heart beat higher. "Yeahâ€|There's something other that I wanted to ask you." Jack nodded. "Sure. What is it?" "Wellâ€|I was wondering if you everâ€|you knowâ€|fell in love?"

Jacks eyes got bigger. "Ohâ€¦I wasn't prepared for that but now that you are with Astrid I think it's normal to ask something like that." Jack laughed. "To answer your question, no." Hiccup looked surprised. "Never? In all those years?" Jack nodded. "Falling in Love works for spirits a little bit different than for humans." Jack started. "At first you need to know that Spirits are reborn from death." "Fromâ€¦death? You mean you're actuallyâ€¦dead?" Jack scratched his cheek. "Wellâ€¦no and yes. You need to know that Spirits are reborn by the Moon or Mother Nature. It depends on which nature you become. If you are a nature based Spirit you get, of course, reborn by Mother Nature. To become a spirit your heart gets transformed into a jewel. That jewel replaces your Heart and keeps your Body alive. It holds your feelings, memories and Powers. Without it, every Spirit would just be an empty case." Jack explained.

"I don't really understandâ€¦" Hiccup said. "Wellâ€¦It's complicated for no-spirits to understand. Our heart nearly works like yours. The only difference is that mine is not made from flesh and blood. It's made from Magic. And that falling in Love stuff is again complicated." Jack sighted. "Please tell me." Hiccup begged. "Okay. But just because it's you." Jack smiled. "At first. For us is to fall in Love just possible for only one time. If a Spirit falls in Love, then it is forever, for eternity and it is only possible between two spirits." Hiccup gulped. That was hard and hurt. "If two Spirits found each other, they share their hearts. The share their jewel to become a part of the other and when that happensâ€¦wellâ€¦actually I don't know what happens after that because I'm still unshared." Jack laughed. "But Father already shared. I should ask him if I meet him the next time." Jack was thinking aloud.

"So? What happens when a Spirit has a relationship with a non-spirit?" Hiccup asked. "Hmm? Oh! I don't really know but the last one got banished and was prisoned away for 100 Years to make sure that the Spirit would never ever meet that human again. To have a Relationship with a mortal is the worst crime a Spirit can do." Hiccup gulped. "You saidâ€¦that the Moon or Mother Nature chose Spirits. Can you tell me more about that?" Jack nodded. "I think so. When someone dies, who did exceptional things in his live, there's a chance to get chosen." "And what did you do to get chosen?" Jack was thinking. "I don't remember. To be honest I remember nothing of my life before I became Jack Frost. My first memory is that night when I woke up at a Pond. Somehow I fell through the Ice and everything was dark, until I saw the Moon. He made me to what I'm now." Hiccup nodded.

"I should really go now. There's still much to do." Jack stood up and grabbed his Staff. "By the way. I know about your Idea about the Book and me. But please, don't do that." Hiccup stood up too. "Why? I mean we want others to know about you too." Jack shook his head. "I just beg you as a Friend. Actually you shouldn't know about those things until you're Chief. I beg you not to talk about all this with anyone." Hiccup nodded. "Fine." Jack smiled. "Thanks." And with that Jack left. Hiccup sighted. He had no doubts anymore. He was in Love with Jack, not with Astrid. Now there were 3 things to do.

Two days had gone by and Hiccup hadn't seen Jack in those days. The whole Village had been busy in this time. All made preparations to protect their home. They all searched protection in the great hall. The animals and the Dragons were already inside. Stoick was the last who came inside, closed and locked the Door. Jack was of course

outside to protect them. Hiccup was worried even when this was nothing new for him but still. Now that he knew that Jack was at his limit he was even worried more. Toothless was lying beside him and purred. He knew that was something up with his Friend and tried to brighten him up. Hiccup smiled and scratched Toothless head. He could hear the blinds jiggle. The Storm was still strong. He hoped Jack was alright.

Astrid got closer and sat down next to him. "Strong Storm." She said simply. Hiccup nodded. "Yeah. I hope it's over soon." He said. He felt Astrid punch his shoulder playfully. "You're scared or what?" she smiled. Hiccup smiled too. "Not really, no." Astrid giggled. At that moment one of the blinds shot open. Immediately a few men tried to close it again. Hiccup could catch a little look outside. He could see Jack's Shield which glowed slightly blue. It was still there so Jack was alright. The Storm raged stronger by every minute and it lasted for mere hours. Hiccup has snuggled against Toothless and was trying to sleep. The most of the Vikings were already sleeping. He was still worried about Jack even when he knew that Jack had done that already for years. He was thinking a lot until he fell finally asleep.

The next morning he woke up the Storm was over. Some Villagers were already outside to take a look around. Hiccup got up and walked outside. The Storm had hit the Village hard but it would have been worse without Jack at their side. Hiccup watched the sky. Jack was nowhere around. Maybe he was already in his cave. Maybe he should take a look after him? But no. Jack told him that he doesn't like Visitors. So then he needed to wait. Hiccup didn't like this idea but right now it was the only thing he could do. "Hey Toothless, wanna take a ride?" He asked his Friend which was really excited to start. Hiccup smiled and got on Toothless. He just took off and they flew around the Island. It was good to be up in the sky again after those days.

## 5. Chapter 4: Do you ever listen?

"So? What do you think?" Stoick asked. Jack was examining Hiccup's leg. "Like I said I can't make things grow again. There's nothing I can do." He said and stood up. Hiccup put his metal leg back on. "It's really okay." He said. Jack looked at him. "Well at least I can do something against the pain. Just tell me." He smiled. Hiccup nodded. "Thanks." Stoick scratched his head. "There is really nothing you can do?" Jack shook his head. "No but if I think about it, there may be someone who actually could do something about it. But like Hiccup said. It's okay." Hiccup nodded. "Really, it's okay I got used to it." Stoick looked at Jack. "Can you get that someone here?" Jack sighted. "Stoick please. Do you ever listen?" Hiccup sighted too. "What?" Stoick said. "Just forget it okay? For Hiccup it's okay in the way it is and if he should change his mind, we can still do something about it. For now just leave it be." Stoick looked at them. "Good I'll leave it be at least for now."

## 6. Chapter 5: How to fly with the wind

Some Weeks passed and Jack wanted to meet the others in the Arena. He came up with a Training method. "Okay guys. Up there are some ice rings flying. Your task is, to fly through them. You have 1 Minute at



the beginning and every time you pass another one, you get 10 seconds plus. When your time had run out, your turn's over. So it's really easy." He smiled. "There's a hook I'm sure of that." Astrid whispered to Hiccup. "So, who wants to try first?" "Me!" the twins said. "No me!" Tuffnut said. "No, me!" Ruffnut argued. "Guys you have the same dragon." Hiccup said. The Twins looked at each other and smiled. "Good. Then get on your dragon." Jack said and looked at the clock. "And go."

The Twins started and flew to the first Ring. They wanted to fly through it but suddenly there was a strong wind and Barf n' Belch couldn't fly forward. It seemed like he flew on the same point. "You have to work with the wind!" Jack shouted. The Twins tried really hard but their time ran out. "Time's over!" Astrid looked at Hiccup. "I knew it." Hiccup nodded. "You're right. This is going to be hard." "Who's next?" Jack looked at the others. "How's that possible?" Ruffnut asked when they landed. "Remember Spirit of winter and rider of the wind? I want you guys to work with the wind not against it. Your Dragons will have to use much less stamina to fly and can go even faster." Jack explained.

"Me next!" Snotlout said and got on Hookfang. "Okay! Go!" Jack said and Snotlout and Hookfang flew out. They flew near the first ring and were stuck too. "Not with me!" Snotlout said and made Hookfang fly faster. They nearly made it through it but then Hookfang was out of stamina and fell down. Jack shook his head and flew after them. He created an airstream that carried them both safely to the ground. "Strength isn't the solution." Jack admonished Snotlout. "Fishlegs, what about you go next?" Fishlegs looked unsure. "Eh! What about Astrid goes next?" Jack looked at her. "I don't mind going next." She said. "Okay. Ready?" She nodded. "Go!"

She flew out and Stormfly stuck too. When she landed again she sighted. "Again. Work with the wind not against it." Jack said again. "I wanna go next." Hiccup said. "I think I figured it out." Jack looked at him. "Good." Hiccup got on Toothless. "Go!" Hiccup and Toothless started. They flew towards the first ring but they flew over it, turned and flew the other way around threw the ring. "Finally someone got it." Jack said. They flew through 25 rings before their time ran out. "Well done. What about now Fishlegs?" He nodded and he and Meatballs started. They made 12 rings. "Very Good. Now you see how this works." Jack looked at them. "I'll let the rings here with you if you want to try again but I've got to leave." He smiled. "See you guys around." He waved and left the arena. "What now?" Astrid asked Hiccup. "Well, let's try another round."

## 7. Chapter 6: Of stories and Fairytales

In the evening they sat together in the great hall and talked about the day. Hiccup sat to his Friends and looked at Jack. He was telling the younger ones one of his famous stories. "That could be us a few years ago." Astrid said. Hiccup nodded. "We all loved his stories." "Remember that one, with that little green dragon?" Fishlegs asked. "Or the one with that stupid, old man." Tuffnut said. "I liked the one with the little farmer boy the most." Ruffnut said. "No they were stupid. The best one is the one with that dragon warrior." Snotlout said. "When I think about them, I realize that they all somehow match with one of us." Astrid said. "You're right." Hiccup agreed. "I never really thought about that. Do you think, he tells the others stories

that match with them?" "Maybe." Astrid said. "Of course I do. It took you a long time to realize that." Jack said while joining them. "We just never thought about that." Fishlegs said. "How come you're such a good storyteller?" Astrid asked. "I don't know but I just love to tell stories. Well guys, I gotta go taking my late night Patrol. See you tomorrow." With that Jack flew out of the hall. "Well I'm gone too. See you guys tomorrow." Hiccup stood up and left the hall followed by Toothless. Outside Toothless nudged him. "Okay, okay. One last flight and then we go back home."

On their flight they saw a certain blue light. Toothless flew closer to it. "Toothless what are you doing?" Toothless didn't listen and didn't stop not until they had reached Jack. "On a late flight too hm?" Jack smiled. "Well yes. Toothless loves flying in the dark." Jack giggled. "Well, who does not?" Hiccup smiled. "You're right. I love flying under the light of the Moon." Jack smiled and spun threw the air and laughed while doing it. Hiccup watched him amazed. "You really can fly better than we can." Jack looked at him. "Well, I've got hundreds of years exercise. In the beginning I flew like a new born chicken." Jack laughed. "I can't even imagine that." Hiccup said surprised. "I still know how you took me out flying when I couldn't sleep. I always thought it was like flying a Dragon." Hiccup smiled at this memory. "Yeah, I still remember. When your Dad and Gobber were away I babysat you. I would never admit this to the others but you were my favorite." Jack smiled. "Well, I guess I should feel honored." Hiccup laughed. "Yeah you should." Jack laughed too. "Can I ask you something?" Hiccup asked after a little while. "Sure." Hiccup looked at him. "You told me that nature based spirits were chosen by Mother Nature but you are one of those but you were chosen by the moon. Why?" Jack looked at him. "Wellâ€¦To be honest I don't know. He never told me." Hiccup frowned. "Told you?" Jack laughed and scratched his head. "It sounds stupid doesn't it?" Hiccup searched for words. "Just say yes." Jack laughed. "The Man in the Moon is real and he talks to us Spirits at least sometimes. He is the one, who chose me to be Jack Frost." Hiccup looked up at the Moon. "Is that so?" He said quietly. "I don't know why I got chosen by the Moon and not by Mother Nature but I guess he had his reasons." Jack shrugged. "The other seasonal spirits were chosen by mother Nature." Hiccup looked at him. "The others? Can you tell me more about them?" Jack laughed. "Oh you should meet them. There's Rapunzel she's the spirit of spring. She's a real artist and uses her brush to bring the spring. She looks very harmless but you shouldn't misprize her. She's a very blithely person. And there's Merida the spirit of summer. She got flame red hair and is a veryâ€¦well, penetrating person. She's a very good archer and never misses her target. She's always very proud of her work. We usually get into a fight when we meet each other but that doesn't mean I don't like her. It's just that opposite season thing." Jack laughed. "What about the spirit of fall?" Hiccup asked and looked at his Friend. "There is no spirit of fall, well at least not at the moment. Until now, no one got chosen to be it. Well, I've got to go now. See you tomorrow then." Jack smiled and flew away. "Yeah till tomorrow." Hiccup said and watched Jack flying to his cave. No spirit of fall. Well that was something really interesting.

## 8. Chapter 7: Snotlout never misses

"Okay little ones. We are taking this nice and slow." Jack smiled looking at the new born baby Dragons. "Flying is actually real fun."

He tried to encourage them. The little ones just looked at Jack. He flew a little upwards. The baby Dragons tried it too. Some were successful the first time some others needed a few more tries. When all were up Jack smiled. "Wonderful! Just follow my lead, don't race each other and fly one after another okay?" They made one line and followed Jack. They flew through the woods and out of a field. "Yeah, wohoo!" Jack heard someone cheer. Suddenly Snotlout on Hookfang showed up and they were really fast. But the worst was, they were heading right towards them. "Watch out!" Jack cried but too late. Hookfang flew straight into Jack. The baby Dragons got scared and flew in all directions. "Wait, wait, wait!" Jack wanted to get up but felt a sharp pain in his leg. "Ow." He looked at his leg. "Oh just great!" Jack said frustrated and looked angry at Snotlout. "You!" He said angry. Snotlout held his hands up. "Wasn't my fault you were in my way!" Jack growled. "Because of you there are now twelve little baby dragons somewhere lost! Now just help me up and fly me to the academy!" Snotlout looked at him. "Why? You can fly by yourself!" Jack looked at him and hissed "You broke my leg!"

The others were very surprised to see Jack with Snotlout on Hookfang. "Ehâ€¦what happened?" Hiccup asked. Jack got down and sat on the ground. He hissed in pain. "Owâ€¦Well I was taking some baby Dragons on their first flight when he decided to show his awesome flying skills. Now my leg is broken and twelve little Baby Dragons somewhere lost." Jack said frustrated. "Well done this time Snotlout!" Astrid said. "Hey! It really wasn't my fault that they got in my way!" he defended himself. "Yeah sure." Jack said dry. "Well I'm really sorry to interrupt your plans for today but would you mind searching for the little ones?" "It's really no problem. Astrid, you take Fishlegs with you and search for them near the fields where they were at last. Snotlout you go with Tuff and Ruff looking for them everywhere else. I and Toothless will join you after taking Jack to the Village." They nodded and started their search mission. Hiccup helped Jack on Toothless and flew him to his Father. "Well, the day couldn't have started better." Jack said while flying with Hiccup and Toothless towards the Village. "Can you still fly with a broken leg?" Jack landed in front of his home. "After I got the bone in its right place again and put it in a splint, it shouldn't be a problem." Hiccup helped Jack down and Stoick came towards them. "What happened?" He helped Hiccup getting Jack into the house. "Well a little accident nothing big." Jack waved aside. Stoick looked at Hiccup. "Hookfang and Jack bumped into each other. Jack broke his leg and twelve little Dragons are now somewhere missing." They put Jack on a chair. "I better help the others looking for those little baby Dragons. Will you be alright?" He looked at Jack who just laughed at it. "Yeah, yeah I'll be fine don't worry about me. I worry more about the little ones." Hiccup nodded. "Don't worry we'll find them."

After a few hours they were back at the academy. "Okay that was the last one." Fishlegs said and put the little Dragon to the others. "Then it's time to bring them back home." Hiccup said. "And because it was your entire fault Snotlout, you will take them back to their Mothers." Astrid smiled at him. "What? No it wasn't my fault!" He argued but the other had already left. He huffed. "Just great."

Hiccup opened the door to see Jack sitting on the table with Stoick. He looked tired but his leg put it a splint and bandaged. His arms laid on the table and his head was on them. Hiccup looked a little closer the saw that he was asleep. "How is he?" He asked quietly.

"Tired and in pain but it could be much worse. He's staying here tonight." Hiccup nodded. "Well, I still got some things to do. You keep an eye on him right? He really needs to rest." Stoick got up and left the house. Toothless coiled up next to Jack. "You're right Toothless. Was a hard day for us too." Hiccup sat on the table and looked at Jack. He hasn't seen him sleep since the last time Jack had to babysit him and that was years ago. He suddenly felt tired himself and leaned back in the chair. Before he even knew it, he had fallen asleep.

## 9. Chapter 8: Ice and Fire 1

"Okay, today's Mission is to catch me." Jack said. The other looked at each other. "What?" Fishlegs asked. "Catching? Me? It isn't that hard is it?" Jack smiled. "It's simple. You can make out a Plan during one hour. In this time I'll hide somewhere around or on Berk. The first who can catch me and take off this red ribbon, wins." He pointed at the red ribbon which was bound around his wrist. "You can work alone or as a Team it's up to you. There are no rules except one, no Fire. If you break this rule you're out. It's as simple as that. Unless that feel free to use anything you want. You have time until sunset. Questions?" Jack asked. "So there are no rules except not using fire?" Astrid asked. "Exactly. So then your hour is starting now. Let's see who's gonna make it and remember, no competition just a little Game." Jack smiled and flew out of the academy. "Okay. Hiccup you know Jack the best. Where is he going to hide?" Fishlegs asked. "Hmm... Hard to say but he likes water so possibly somewhere close to it like on the beach or near the lake." Snotlout looked at him. "And who can say if this is the truth? Maybe you're lying because you wanna win." Hiccup rolled his eyes. "Yeah, he's totally right!" Ruffnut said. "Yeah!" Tuffnut agreed. "Guys, we can work as a team, remember? It's the only chance to really catch him!" Astrid said. "Then make a team! I'll go for my own!" Snotlout said. "Yes we're too!" Ruff and Tuff said. The others just sighted. "Fine!"

The hour was over and they started the search. Hiccup, Astrid and Fishlegs were a Team. The others worked on their own. "Okay, let's check the lake and the beach. It's possibly our best chance to find him. Remember the plan?" Hiccup asked. "You and Toothless will get him out of his hiding place and Astrid and I will just wait for him and catch him." Fishlegs said. "Just make clear he doesn't see you." Astrid nodded. "We make sure of this don't worry." Hiccup and Toothless just flew over the sandy Ground. A little bit slower than usual. Toothless suddenly flew up and Hiccup saw that he had spotted Jack. "Well done bud." But Jack had already seen them and flew away from them. "Just like planned." Hiccup smiled but when Hiccup got up he and Toothless landed into the net that was meant for Jack. "What? He was just in front of us." Hiccup said while Astrid and Fishlegs helped him and Toothless out. "He never reached us." Astrid said. Just in that Moment Jack flew over their head away. "There he goes." Fishlegs sighted. "We'll catch up." Hiccup said. "Even if we do, it's harder than we thought it would be." Astrid mentioned.

Jack flew over the woods when suddenly something was coming from the right side. He turned to see Snotlout coming nearer. He flew deeper through the woods. Hookfang was a big Dragon so it would be much harder for him to fly through it and soon he heard something crack down and an angry Snotlout. He laughed and turned left to the sea. When he reached it he flew a little bit over it. He anticipated

everything expect Alvin and his ships.

The sunset was over and they met back at the academy. "Looks like none of us has won." Hiccup said. "Hey, where are the twins?" Astrid asked. "Don't know. Haven't seen them since we started." Snotlout said. Just in that moment they came back but without ribbon. "Then no one was able to catch Jack." Astrid said. "Not true!" Tuffnut said. "Yeah, Alvin won!" Ruffnut said. "What?!" The others said. "Yeah, we saw how he caught him." "And took of the Ribbon." Ruff and Tuff explained. "Guys, Alvin wasn't participating!" Astrid said angry. "Oh!" They both realized. "Where did he take him?" Hiccup asked. "They were heading for Outcast Island."

"So, Jack. How is my nasty little spirit?" Alvin asked and held his Torch right into Jacks face. He squinted his eyes. He had been in the dark for hours and the sudden light hurt. "I'm not your spirit!" Jack said and pulled on the chains. "Don't waste your energy. We've locked you up extra strong. Not even a Dragon can free you now. Speaking of Dragons, you wouldn't mind telling me some useful things about them, wouldn't you?" Alvin laughed. "Make me!" Jack hissed but Alvin just grinned. "With pleasure!"

## 10. Chapter 9: Ice and Fire 2

"How much longer until Outcast Island?" Hiccup asked Fishlegs. "It's right in front of us. Just a few Minutes further." "We'll wait until everyone's asleep. I and Toothless sneak in, get Jack out and leave before someone knows. You guys distract the guards and clear the way for us." Hiccup explained. "We're here." Astrid said. Hiccup and Toothless landed near the Prison while the others flew further and attracted the attention on them. "Okay bud, let's get in there quietly and unseen." They climbed down the stony way and looked around. The plan was working perfect. The guards were only watching the others. Like this it was easy to sneak into the Prison. Hiccup could see two shadows coming towards them. They hid behind the corner and listened to them. "That nasty sprite froze my hands!" one Guard said. "That's nothing! He froze my whole head!" the other one said while passing by Hiccup and Toothless. "He must be somewhere further inside." Hiccup whispered. They stopped again as they heard Alvin speaking. "One last time Frost, tell me everything you know!" Jack just looked at him. "What's so hard to understand at a simple no? It's just an N and an O!" Alvin growled. "Well ,well. To your misfortune, I know your very weakness." He held his Torch closer towards Jack. "Fire." He ended. "This sounds bad." Hiccup said. "We need to do something. Now." He looked around. "Toothless there." He pointed to a barrel.

Alvin just wanted to strike when he heard an explosion. He stopped and looked around. "Will be right back!" He said and left. Jack pulled as hard as he could but the chain didn't break. "you're stuck?" He looked up and saw Hiccup. "You don't know how glad I am to see you right now." Jack said in relief. "We can talk about this later. Let's get you out of here first." Hiccup looked at the chains. "I think Toothless could melt them." Jack looked at him and nodded. "Let's try." Hiccup turned towards Toothless. "Be careful bud, we don't want to burn Jack." Toothless purred and melted the chains carefully and slowly. Jack looked up. "Alvin's coming back!" he whispered. "We nearly got it." The last chain broke and Jack grabbed his staff. They ran out as fast as they could. "The Prisoner

escaped!" A Guard screamed. "Go!" Jack demanded Hiccup and Toothless. As they passed him Jack created a giant ice wall behind them and ran after them. Hiccup got on Toothless and looked at Jack. "Everything's okay?" Jack nodded. "Let's just get away from here before they get through the wall." Hiccup nodded but as they wanted to take off a sudden fireball hit Jack in the back. He broke on his knees and tried to see straight. Everything was a blur. "Jack!" he could hear Hiccup say. It hurt badly but Jack got up anyway. Spirit of ice and winter just doesn't go along with fire. "Can you fly?" Jack looked at Hiccup and just nodded. Hiccup looked at him worried but Jack flew up anyway. Jack bit his teeth but they needed to get away but the pain was unbearable. He tried to ignore it but he couldn't. Hiccup followed him. "He's free!" Astrid said but saw that something wasn't alright. "Let's leave." She said and joined Hiccup. "What happened?" She asked. "He got hit by a fireball. I don't think he will make it back by himself." Hiccup looked at her. "But you know him. Too proud to ask for help." Astrid sighted and Hiccup nodded.

Jack followed the others. He didn't feel too well. He felt the pain in every movement he made but the worst was that he started flickering and every time he flickered he lost a little bit height but he was able to catch himself before he completely crashed down. Hiccup looked worried at Astrid. Hiccup fell back and flew beside his Friend. "You're sure that you don't need help? You don't look that good." Jack looked at him. He saw everything blurred. "I'm fine." Hiccup just sighted. "Jack. Your wounded. Badly. You can't make it back by your own." Jack looked at him and bit his lower lip. Hiccup was right. He wouldn't make it by himself. He sighted. "Fine." Hiccup smiled and padded on Toothless back. Jack flew towards them and sat down behind Hiccup. "I hope you don't mind carrying me too, Toothless." He just purred. He didn't mind. Jack was as light as a snowflake.

Jack leaned against Hiccups back and closed his eyes. He felt tired but the pain held him back. He pulled his hood up and tried to ignore the pain. For Hiccup it felt strange to be so close to Jack. It had been a while since they got physical in touch with each other he just wished that there were other circumstances.

When they reached Berk, Jack felt totally exhausted. He couldn't neither to speak nor to keep his eyes open. When they landed near Hiccups house he just fell off. He hear someone shouting his name but everything went dark.

## 11. Chapter 10: Kiss

"Jack!" Hiccup kneeled down beside him. Stoick heard his son and came outside. Seeing Jack unconscious and Hiccup kneeling beside him, he knew something had happened. He sent the other kids away and let Gobber come over. While he waited for his Friend, Hiccup told him what had happened. He will rant and rave with him later. When Gobber arrived they lifted Jack together on the table. The burn looked really bad. He sent his son outside to gather some snow from outside. When he returned, Stoick and Gobber held Jack down while Hiccup poured the snow on the burn. Jack winced and screamed at the first touch of the snow but soon calmed down. There were only some silent sobs escaping his throat. Hiccup went outside to gather some more and carried it inside. They made a compress and carried him upside into Hiccups room. Hiccup refused to leave his side so Stoick let him be.

Arguing would be pointless.

Everyone was worried about their protector. They all wanted to know how he was but Stoick only could say that he remained in the same state. He didn't want to concern them. Jack had now been out for a few days. He had run into a fever. They changed his compress constantly but it seemed like the burn wasn't healing like other wounds he got during combat. He just hoped that he will be up soon.

The next time Jack woke up he was lying in a bed. He starred at the ceilings. He felt hot. Very hot. He literally burned. At least it felt like this. He turned his head. Something was slipping from his forehead. He looked at it. It was a wet towel. Jack concluded that he must have run a fever and maybe he still was. His eyes wandered around the room. It was Hiccups. Jack scanned the room for Hiccup. He found him sitting on the ground, his arms folded on the bed and his head in them. One of his hands held Jacks. He was sleeping. Jack decided to not wake him up besides; he liked to see him sleep. He breathed out and closed his eyes once again. He felt how Hiccups hand squeezed his a little. He gentle respond on it.

Hiccup slowly opened his eyes at Jacks touch. He was awake or had been. He slowly lifted his head and looked at Jack. His eyes were closed. "Jack?" He asked quietly but he got no reply. He had to be out again but at least he had been awake. Hiccup stood up and stretched his stiff joints. He picked up the slipped down towel and wet it in the bowl next to the bed. It was filled with icy water. He placed it back on Jacks forehead. His fingers slowly glided over Jacks cheek. They were flushed and warm. He was really worried about his friend. A winter Spirit shouldn't be that warm. Hiccup decided to grab something to eat and to take Toothless for a flight. He could use some distraction.

It took Jack days to really come back. His wound still looked bad and hurt. He hadn't had the strength to get up but at least he could talk. Hiccup often was with him. "It's not fair that I take away your bed. Either you join me in here or I go on the ground!" Jack said and looked at the younger boy. "No, no. You can't sleep on the ground. You're still wounded." Jack sighted. "Then sleep with me here in your bed!" Hiccup sighted too. "Fine." Jack smiled pleased and moved a little over. Hiccup laid down beside him and tucked himself up. Jack turned his head and looked at Hiccup. They just laid side by side and starred at the ceilings. "Are you still in pain?" Jack turned his head and looked at him. "It'll heal." Hiccup looked back at him. "That wasn't my question." Jack sighted. "I know." He looked back up at the ceiling and closed his eyes. "You're alright?" Jack just nodded. "Fine but tired." He whispered. Hiccup turned around and watched him. He was fast asleep. He bit his lower lip. He slowly leaned over and looked at those pale lips. They were small but looked so soft. He knew it was wrong but he kissed them anyway.

## 12. Chapter 11: Thunderstorms

Jack wandered around. What to do? What to do? Oh, if she would come here. It wouldn't end well, he was pretty sure. He sighted frustrated and rubbed his temple. Well, there was nothing else to do, than get over with it. He was prepared for her. And there she was, greeting him with the name he hated so much. "Hey Jackie!" He groaned. This

day was going to be perfect.

Hiccup and the others were stuck on the ground. There was a heavy thunderstorm raging outside since a few hours. The thunder was extremely loud today. It really was. Even Toothless seemed to be a little scared, not to mention the villagers. They feared that the gods were mad at them. Hiccup just sighted and looked out of the window. He asked himself what Jack was doing right now. He was now recovered since a few weeks and was back to his old strength. But still, the scar hasn't gone by now. Suddenly a lightning struck right down in the middle of the civic center. And there stood Jack fighting with a red-haired girl.

"Already enough Jackie?" she laughed. Jack just smiled daring at her. "Is that all you got Red-head?" They dashed off and attacked each other again. As their weapons clashed together another lightning struck down.

Hiccup understood now what was going on. Every time it was storming like this, Jack was fighting with this Girl but who was she? And why were they fighting anyway? He couldn't go out anyway so he had to wait until the storm outside was over.

Jack and the girl were opposing each other. Both weapons ready to do the final strike. "Again draw." Jack said gasping. The Girl smiled. She was also out of breath. "Then we have to rematch." Jack laughed tiredly and answered "Like always."

After the Storm was over Hiccup leaped on Toothless and looked for Jack. He found him at the lake. He landed and got off Toothless. "Who was that red-haired girl?" He blurt out. Jack looked at him. "Yeah, nice to see you too." Hiccup walked up to him. "Are you alright? I saw you two fighting." Jack looked at him and burst out laughing. Hiccup just raised an eyebrow and looked confused at him. Jack calmed down after a few minutes and looked at the boy. "That was Merida. I told you about her and we didn't fight in that way. We just wanted to figure out which season is better." He explained with a smile. "Oh." Was all Hiccup could say. "And who won?" Jack sighted. "It was a draw." "You know? Of all season I prefer winter."

### 13. Chapter 12: Consequences

Hiccup felt desperate. He could never be together with Jack and only the very idea of it hurt. He sighted. He lay awake in his bed and rested on his belly. He just stared into the darkness of his room. It was eating him up. It tore him apart. He hadn't had a chance unlessâ€¦unless he would become also a spirit. But why in the world would someone choose him? He hasn't done exceptional things in his life. Butâ€¦he had still a little time right? But with Jack around day after dayâ€¦he really had become depressive. He had tried to made approaches towards him but it was like he wouldn't even notice. Maybe he had to be more direct? But noâ€¦Jack wasn't stupid. He clearly had understood but he just didn't answer. So he was not interested.

Hiccup groaned. Why? Why does it have to hurt so much? He pressed his face into his pillow and let out a frustrated groan. He was definitely not going to sleep tonight.



The next day Hiccup was sitting on a stone near the pond. He was poking with a stick on the ground. He had no idea what he should do. How to stop the pain he felt. How? How?! He ruffled his hair and groaned, again, frustrated. "Something's wrong?" Hiccup looked up and saw Jack standing in front of him. "Yeah, definitely wrong." He sighted. Jack looked at him curious. "What's wrong?" Hiccup stood up and gestured with his hands. "This is wrong! All of this is wrong!" Jack just raised an eyebrow and looked at him confused. "And it will never be alright! It will always be wrong! As long as you are here it is incorrigible!" Hiccup just realized what he had said. He slowly turned around to Jack. He looked at him but he just frowned. "You want me to go?" This wasn't a question. It was a statement. "Yes." Why the hell did he just say that? He didn't want him to go. He didn't want him to leave. "Fine. Then I'll leave." And then he was gone.

Weeks passed and no one had seen Jack since that day. His cave was suddenly frozen over, hardly visible now. It was warmer than usual and the snow was melting earlier. "He'll come back right?" Hiccup asked his father. Stoick twirled his beard. "I don't know, son. The last time he disappeared like that, we haven't seen him for months." Hiccup gulped. He was used to the pain now, beneath the pain, he felt also guilty.

#### 14. Chapter 13: Hope

**\*\*ATTENTION: older!Hiccup in this and in all further chapters!\*\***

It started with nosebleed, then a headache and then coughing. Stoick noticed it first and then Astrid. Of course they were worried but Hiccup was sure it was just a little flu. So he didn't care too much about it. Well, he had better. Now he was stuck to the bed with a terrible headache. Every single noise hurt like hell.

His room was kept dark. He stared at the ceiling. He couldn't sleep. Like so often in the last few years his thoughts went to Jack. Where was he? Was he alright? Did he miss him?

Hiccup sighted and turned around. He still felt guilty. He really misses him. Why had he been so rude? He never wanted him to leave. Again his eyes watered. Will this never end? This pain? He sighted and looked out of the window. It was still dark outside. He got up and climbed out of the window.

He was on Toothless. Of course Toothless was worried about his friend but he didn't want to return. Hiccup looked up and saw the full moon. He was beautiful but he also reminded him of a certain winter spirit. He shook his head to get rid of that thought and they landed at their little pond. He slid down from Toothless and landed on his butt. He leaned back onto his friend.

He stared up at the Moon. "Can't you make him come back?" he asked into the silent night. "I never wanted him to leave. I was just..." He sighted. "I just..." took it out on him. I shouldn't have done this..." He hid his head in his tucked up legs. It felt like he was sitting like this for hours but he was sure it had just been a few minutes.

He looked up. The Pond was suddenly frozen over. He just stared at it

but then someone sat down next to him. "You've grown." Hiccup smiled, truly smiled. "And you're still the same."

They just sat there for a long time silent until Hiccup spoke up. "Where have you been?" The Spirit just smiled. "I've never really left." Hiccup just stared at him. He smiled and stood up. "Now, let's get you inside before you'll catch your death of cold." Hiccup just nodded and grabbed his hand. Now everything will get better.

## 15. Chapter 14: Epidemic

Jack was running through the big hall. An epidemic was going around and Hiccup had been the trigger with his Nosebleed and fever and coughing and everything else. Hiccup was laying on one of the tables. They had converted them into beds. He watched Jack running from Viking to Viking, giving them some medicine against the pain or the fever. Jack had sent Astrid and the others to gather some supplies so he could cure this epidemic. Jack was sure that it was a bad case of the scurfs flu.

Jack sighted and sat down on the bench next to Hiccups bed. "This is awful. Now it got the children too." He looked at Hiccup. "I already feel bad. Thank you." Jack smiled at him. "Your father got it too but he doesn't want to admit it." He huffed and laid his head on the table. Hiccup looked at him. "I hope the others come back soon. I fear we may lose one or two." Jack looked into Hiccups eyes. He just wanted to say something when he hear someone coughing heavily and shortly after his name. Jack huffed. "You better don't die while I'm away." Hiccup wanted to laugh bit coughed instead. Jack raised an eyebrow but Hiccup just waved him away.

Hiccup stared at the ceiling. He closed his eyes and breathed out. Then he felt someone grabbing his hand. He turned his head and saw his father sitting beneath him. Hiccup could see in his eyes that he was worried. "I will be okay dad." He said and smiled at him. Stoick just nodded. He had already lost his wife; he didn't want to lose his son now too.

It was now night and very silent in the hall. Every now and then just a coughing was heard. Stoick didn't leave Hiccups side and slept in on the bench, still holding his sons hand. Hiccup was also asleep until he heard slight footsteps. He opened his eyes. It was Jack who covered Stoick with a blanket. Jack smiled at the big chief who was at the moment not so big and strong. Even he had a soft spot especially when it came to Hiccup. Jack looked up and saw how Hiccup was watching him. Jack smiled at him. "You should sleep too." Jack whispered and walked away. Hiccup watched him leave and did as he said and fell into a dreamless sleep.

Hiccup woke up by some gladdened voices. He looked at the entrance to see Astrid and the others arriving with the supplies. Jack took them grateful and wasted no time. Astrid scanned the room. When she found Hiccup she immediately walked towards him. "How are you?" She was worried. "Well, have been worse." Hiccup smiled a little. Hiccup looked into her eyes. She really was worried. "Stop worrying." He said. She just smiled. "I can't stop worrying over you!" She punched Hiccups shoulder but not as hard as usual. In that moment Toothless made his way into the hall. "Astrid could you please-" Astrid nodded. "I'll get him outside Hiccup." She turned around and shooed Toothless

outside. The last they needed were dragons in here.

Jack had finished the medicine and gave it at first to the children, then to the worst cases, including Hiccup. "You will feel better in a few hours." Jack said while giving Hiccup a bowl of the Medicine. "Thanks." Jack smiled at him. "No problem." Hiccup watched Jack leave to another patient. Hiccup had really missed that smile.

A few days later Hiccup was back to his old strength. He was taking Toothless on a flight when Astrid joined them. "Feeling better?" Hiccup nodded. "So much better!" She smiled. "You know I was thinking you know about us." Hiccup looked at her. "Hiccup I can see how you are looking at him." She smiled. "You're really obvious!" She laughed and Hiccup felt a little embarrassed. "And well I came to the conclusion that this us is not going to work. You are not even really interested in me." Hiccup gulped. "Astrid I-" but she just shook her head. "Let's just leave it be." And then she was gone.

## 16. Chapter 15: Talking

"Got it!" cheered Jack and held it up. They decided to play that Game Jack had invited years ago. Getting the Ribbon from Jack but Jack had discovered that the skills of the Dragon riders have well improved. "Thank you!" Hiccup thanked on Toothless. They just flew over Jack's head and grabbed it. "Heyyy! No fair!" pouted Jack. Hiccup just laughed when something from the right side just flew past them. "How nice of you!" Astrid smiled and grabbed it. "Wait, what-" Hiccup looked at his now empty hand. Astrid chuckled and turned on Stormfly left. "Come back here!" Hiccup and Toothless followed her. Just then the twins appeared and hung upside down on Barf and Blech. They grabbed it and swung themselves again up but they didn't even have time to cheer because Snotlout just grabbed it. "Thanks idiots!" He flew away on Hookfang and laughed. The others were chasing him trying to get it back. Then Jack shot down from above at a great pace speed. He shot down beneath Snotlout like nothing and, of course, gathered the Ribbon back. Jack laughed and looked at the sun. Their time was nearly over. Most of their dragons were not agile enough to catch him now. Well expect one and he was already coming closer. Jack smiled. This was going to be fun.

Jack was still heading down in a deadly speed. Just in the last Moment he flew again straight forward. He made his way through some rocks but they were still close. Their skills had improved very well. Jack smiled. He was not going to give up now. He spun right and flew in the direction of the forest. Only three minutes left. He was just about to fly into it when something tackled him hard from the side. Jack and his attacker both fell to the ground and landed hard. Jack looked up. Everything was a blur. He held his head and looked around. He groaned as he sat up and something hopped on his lap. "Frostbite! Are you insane?!" Jack said while he was rubbing his head.

Hiccup and Toothless landed next to them. "Are you alright? That was a pretty hard Landing!" Hiccup said while kneeling down beside Jack. "Ah, yeah I'm fine. Somehow!" So now you better tell me what you are doing here!" Frostbite looked at Jack innocent. "Diiid nothiiiing wrong!" Jack sighted. "Just tell me what you are doing here?" Frostbite looked at Jack seriously but said nothing. "Well?" Jack asked again. Frostbite tilted his head.

"Forgotâ€|"

After they had met each other back at the academy, Jack and Hiccup flew back to the village together. "Any idea what my father wants to discuss with you?" Hiccup asked. "No but probably something about the upcoming storm." They entered the House and saw that Stoick wasn't alone. Jack gulped. "Daaadâ€|hiâ€|" Hiccup frowned a little and looked at the second man. He was also pretty strong and had almost the same body structure as Stoick had. He had a white beard and wore a red coat and some strange looking black hat. "Thank you for bringing him here Frostbite." The man said in a deep voice. He had also a very strangely sounding accent. "Ohh, thaaat whaaat III forgotâ€|" Frostbite muttered. "What brings you here?" Jack asked curious but his Father just cleared his throat. "Oh! Sorry. Hiccup, that's my Dad, North. Dad this is Hiccup." North shook Hiccups hand. He had sure a very strong grip. "Let's take a walk outside." North said and looked at Jack. This would end veeery bad for himâ€|

Hiccup was watching them from his room. He really wanted to know what they were talking about. They walked into the forest so Hiccup had no chance to observe them any further unless he would follow them.

North led Jack further into the forest until they were all alone. "What brings you here Dad?" North cleared his Throat before he spoke up. "I want you back at the Pole with me." Jack was unsure how to feel about that. "Iâ€|uhmâ€|I don'tâ€|ugh!" Jack kicked an invisible stone away. "You know it's not possible. I'm here because-" "Mother Nature told you so. I know that." North ended. "Then why do you want me back at the Pole? I meanâ€| it seems like you always disagree with Mother! You two are like and old married couple- Oh my! You two were once-" North just nodded. "This isâ€|juuuust a tiny little bitâ€|awkward." North sighted. He had known that this would be Jacks reaction. "It was a very, very long time ago and this isn't what we were talking about." Jack looked at his Father. "Yeah, sure, sure. Soâ€|why do you want me back at the Pole? You know our Quest is nearly fulfilled. The Target has now reached the age of the transform. You know someone of us needs to be with him or else the whole story will start all over again and we would have failed!" North sighted heavy. "That's why." Jack began to realize what this all was about. "Ohâ€|" North looked at Jack. "Even when you're adopted you're still my son and I don't want to lose you." Jack smiled lightly. "Because I'll vanish in this time, doesn't mean I'll never come back again. I guess we will all have to wait until we will see each other again." Jack shrugged. "It's just about a few centuries." And then Jack got squeezed by his Father. "Ow!" Jack laughed and soon North did too. "Son, you are right. We will see each other again and can start all over again. 'Cause I will keep my memories." North slightly knocked on his head.

Hiccup lay awake in his bed and starred at the ceiling. He had heard the entire conversation between Jack and North. He just asked himself now, why was Jack really here? Who's their Target? What's their Quest? And who is they? Hiccup groaned and rolled over. This was very confusing.

Something strange was happening on Berk. All the children somehow didn't want to wake up. Hiccup and Stoick were watching Jack. He was investigating one of the ill Children. His hand was glowing blue and his eyes closed. His Hand moved slowly over the Child. He was doing this now for a few minutes. "And?" Stoick asked quietly. Jack opened his eyes and the glowing stopped. "It's complicated. This isn't a real illness." Jack said while standing up. "What is it then?" Hiccup asked. Jack looked at him serious. "Another Spirit." He grabbed his staff. "Are you sure?" Stoick asked. "All the ill children are sweating, screaming and crying in their sleep. They are not really ill. They have Nightmares." Hiccup looked at him. "But everyone has Nightmare sometimes." He said. "This is something else. There is a seed in those Children. A seed of bad Magic and it was placed by this Spirit. He uses those Children as source." Jack explained. "All we can do now, is finding him and make him remove those seeds." Stoick nodded. "Let's get back and then you tell me everything about this Spirit. Hiccup you get the others and look around. Maybe you can find something." Hiccup nodded.

"So another Spirit is causing this?" Astrid asked Hiccup. He had gathered them and they were now in the academy. "Yes. We need to find him and capture him." Astrid nodded. "Did you understand?" he asked the others. Fishlegs nodded. Snotlout just crossed his arms. "Understand?" Hiccup asked again. "Yeah, yeah." He said waving it aside. "What about you?" He turned towards the twins. "Just capture it." Ruffnut said. "We're not that stupid ya know." Tuffnut said. Hiccup raised an eyebrow. "Yeah right. So Fishlegs you take the forest in the north, Ruffnut, Tuffnut you take the beach, Astrid you look around the Village, Snotlout you look around the caves and I take the forest in the west." They all nodded and got on their dragons. "And remember. Don't mess with it." Hiccup said an last time before they separated.

"I understand. So the only chance to rescue the children is to take that Spirit down and make it remove the seeds." Jack nodded. "Exactly but he won't cooperate. We need to make him and I just know what to do. I've still got some open business with him." Jack said. "I see. So you met him before." Stoick said and crossed his arms. "I did and it wasn't funny. I better take a look around too. You just can trust this guy." Jack said and grabbed his Staff. "If he shows up call me." Stoick nodded and Jack flew outside.

The other met back at the academy. "Nothing unusual." Astrid said. "Neither in the North Forest.", "And the beach", "And nothing in the caves." Hiccup sighted. "Where could it be?" Jack flew inside the Academy. "Any luck?" He asked. They shook their head. "Thought that." Jack crossed his arms and was thinking. "Then there's only one place left." He said slowly. "You better go home now. I take over." Astrid looked at Jack. "But when he really is that dangerous, then you will need help." She said. "Astrid's right Jack." Hiccup agreed. "We can't just leave you alone." Fishlegs added. Jack looked at them. "Don't worry about me. I've already met this guy a few times and like you can see, I'm still here." Jack joked. "Yeah but what about this time won't go out that well." Ruffnut said. "Yeah what about then?" Tuffnut said. Jack sighted. "Okay, okay. You guys keep your eyes open in the village. Just call me if you see something." They nodded and left the academy. When they were gone Jack turned around. "Did you really think I wouldn't know that you're here Pitch?"

There was a dark and eerie laughter. "Jack, Jack, Jack. You skills

have grown I see." There appeared a dark and pale figure with golden shiny eyes. "And I see you're still the same." Jack said while leaning onto his Staff. "Maybe. So you settled down here. What a nice and beautiful place." He hissed. "Would be a shame if that would change, wouldn't it?" Pitch said and smiled, showing his sharp teeth. "You have to go past me first." Jack said and target at him with his staff. Suddenly there were loud screams coming from the village. "Two Problems and only one Jack. What are you going to do? Save the children or the whole village?" Jack looked at Pitch disgusted. "I've got Friends looking after the Village. You're mine." Pitch laughed. "Fine, so it is then."

"Hiccup what's going on?" Astrid said while looking around. "Those are some black and very aggressive dragons. I've never seen one like them." Fishlegs said a little bit scared. "What shall we do?" Everyone looked at Hiccup. "We have to take care of them until Jack's back." He said and the other nodded. "Let's see if those little guys like fire." Hiccup said and got on Toothless.

Jack dived headlong to avoid one of Pitch attacks. His Nightmare-sand somehow seemed to be stronger than the last time and he didn't want to figure it out. "Jumping like a rabbit won't save you." Pitch laughed and attacked again. Jack jumped out of the way and looked at him. "We will see." He jumped up and slammed his Staff on the ground. Some Ice was spreading from it over the whole place. Pitch flew on a cloud of his sand into the sky. "Then up to the sky it is." Jack said to himself and followed Pitch.

"Hiccup look!" Astrid said and pointed towards the academy. Hiccup looked in this direction and saw something blue and something dark bumping into each other over and over again. "This must be Jack fighting that other spirit." Hiccup said. "Do you think we should help him?" Astrid asked and looked at him. "No. We must keep an eye on those little black once here. I'm sure he can handle this alone." Hiccup said and Astrid nodded, flying back down in the village. "At least I hope so." Hiccup said to himself and flew back down too.

"Is that all you got?" Jack scoffed. Pitch gnashed his teeth. His plan didn't include those kids flying on dragons. He somehow had to take them down first and then Jack. An evil grin appeared on his face and Jack became askance. Pitch changed his direction and made his way towards the village. "Oh no you won't!" Jack said and followed him closely. He shot an iceblast which hit Pitch's cloud but it didn't stop him. Jack knew he couldn't fight with all his powers near the village without hurting anyone. He was sure Pitch knew that. He somehow had to stop him.

"It's coming!" Snotlout said. The other looked at that other spirit coming nearer and nearer. "I distract him. You guys are taking care of the dragons in the village." Hiccup said and flew towards Pitch.

Hiccup let Toothless shot a few fireballs. Pitch was able to avoid the first and the second but the third was a direct hit. Jack saw his chance and flew straight towards Pitch. He hit him from below and catapulted him further upwards. Hiccup saw how Jack and the Pitch got further and further upwards until they were over the cloud cover. One moment it was completely quiet. Then again there was a black and a blue light bumping into each other. Hiccup and Toothless flew towards the lights but suddenly the black one was coming straight towards

them. "Toothless right!" He shouted but it was too late. The black light was dragging them down. They landed hard on the ground. Hiccup tried to focus but his vision was blurred. He could feel some thin and bony hands grab him. He blinked a few times to see that they had crushed down in the middle of the village and Jack was standing right in front of them, he aimed in his direction with his staff. "What now Jackie boy? Are you risking the life of this little boy and let the village fall or are you saving the village and let the boy down?" Pitch laughed.

Jack was staring at him. "You know, because I am so nice I will stop the attack when you give me your staff." Jack just stared at him. Around them some villagers came together to help. Under them were also Stoick and the other Dragon Trainers. "If someone moves, the boy is dead!" Pitch threatened. "Soâ€¦ Jack. The staff." Jack looked at him. What to do? "Fine." Everyone looked shocked at Jack. He turned his staff towards Pitch. He took it and threw the boy into the crowd. "Wasn't that hard was it. You know, I always asked myself if this little staff is unbreakable." Jack looked at him wide-eyed. Pitch bent his knee and broke the staff into two. "Now it's forever over with snowballs and funtimes." Pitch laughed but stopped as he heard Jack laughing himself. "I got some news for you Pitch! My Staff doesn't hold my Powers." Jack looked at his old enemy. "They are inside me and you can't destroy them!" Hiccup sat up and looked at the scene before his eyes.

Jack jumped forward and grabbed Pitch. He knew he couldn't end it here. He threw Pitch upwards. Jack jumped from roof to roof until he was higher than Pitch and hit him back down. Pitch was still too paralyzed to fight back and so he landed hard on the ground. He just wanted to stand up but Jack was already above him, holding his dagger against his throat. "Now Pitch. Release those Children when your life is worth somethin." Pitch saw that he only had two possibilities. Release the children or die.

He grid his teeth and snapped. The black seeds disappeared and the children woke up again. "Right decision." Jack smiled. Pitch used this Moment of distraction and disappeared. The Villagers cheered. Hiccup stood up and picked up the two half's of Jacks staff. He looked at them. Jack got beside him and Hiccup gave them to him. "I'm so sorry. If it wouldn't have been me thenâ€¦" Hiccup couldn't finish. Jack shook his head. "It's not your fault Hiccup. You didn't break it." Jack laid one Hand on Hiccups shoulder. Stoick joined them and looked at his son worried. "I'm fine dad thanks to Jack." Stoick looked at Jacks broken staff. "Can it be repaired?" Jack looked at them. "I don't know." "But you can still use your powers right?" Hiccup asked. Jack looked at him unwell. "At least the most of them." Stoick looked at Jack unsure. "What do you mean?" "I can't fly."

## 18. Chapter 17: Caged

Jack was sitting on a rooftop. He tuck up his legs and laid his head on them. He felt caged. He stuck in the village. Wasn't able to fly to his cave, wasn't able to fulfill his duties. Hiccup and the others had offered to take them over but he had refused. Jack didn't want to feel completely useless.

Hiccup and Astrid stood near Jack and looked at him. "He looks so

sad." Astrid said worried. Hiccup sighted. "And it's my entire fault." He added. Astrid looked at him. "It's not. It was that Pitch who broke it not you." Hiccup looked at her too. "But when it wouldn't have been meâ€¦" He sighted again and looked away. "You did the best you could think of in that moment." She tried to cheer him up. "That is what Jack had told me too." Astrid smiled. "See! There you go!" "Then why do I feel so bad?"

The days went by and Jack felt much worse by every day he stuck on the ground. Toothless started to accompany him. He knew how it felt to be not able to fly. Hiccup and Gobber worked indefatigable on Jack's Staff. Jack started to join them and tried to move on. "You can't just nail it together. It's made from magic." Jack said to Gobber. "Pahâ€¦ Magic is for little children." Jack rolled his eyes and sighted. "Why do you have to be so stubborn?!" Gobber nailed the Staff together while Jack and Hiccup sat beneath him. Jack sighted and leaned his head against the back wall. "It won't work." He said quietly. "Let him at least try it. You know how proud he can be about his work." Hiccup whispered. "There you go." Gobber said and gave the staff to Jack.

He just looked at it doubtfully. "What are you waiting for? Try it." Jack sighted and tried to freeze the ground with his staff. Nothing happened. "Nothing." Gobber rolled his eyes. "Not that!" He just grabbed Jack and leaded him outside to the border of the cliff. "I don't think that is a good idea. I couldn't even freeze the Ground. What makes you think that I can fly with it?" Hiccup had followed them. "Jack's right. We should-" Hiccup couldn't finish because Gobber just pushed Jack down. Jack let out a scream of surprise and fell down. "It doesn't work!" Hiccup said and got immediately on Toothless and flew after Jack. Jack on the other hand tried to make his staff work. "Oh please, oh please, oh please!" Just before he hit the ground Toothless grabbed him on his shoulders. "Thanks Goodness." Jack said relieved.

Hiccup and Toothless brought Jack back up and set him down. "Do you see now that you just can't repair it like every other weapon?" Jack asked Gobber. "I see and I understand now but we couldn't have been sure without trying it." Jack stood up. "The only one who could possibly help would be my father. But without my staff I can't fly to him and every other creature would freeze to death before reaching him." Jack sighted. "What about flying with a dragon to you father?" Hiccup asked. Jack shook his head. "It's too risky." Hiccup looked at him. "And there's no other way to reach him?" "I fear not but maybeâ€¦" Jack was thinking. Maybe, just maybe this would work. "When's the next full moon?"

Jack stood on an edge of the cliff and looked up at the moon. This idea was ridiculous. The Moon had never answered him so why should he help him now? Jack took a look around. He was all alone. Jack sighted. "Actually I don't know why I am doing this since you never answered me anyway." Jack huffed. "I'm sure you saw how Pitch broke my staff. I just beg you to fix it for meâ€¦ since I can't do it myself." There was a gleaming moonbeam and a soft breeze whispering words into Jack's ear. Jack looked surprised upwards. Did he really justâ€¦ answer him? Anyway. Jack knew now what to do. "Thank you."



"You're so mean! Give it back!" Jack said and looked up at Hiccup. He was flying on Toothless and hold Jacks Staff "It's payback time!" Hiccup smiled. "Just because you're now taller than me." Jack pouted. Hiccup just laughed. "Ha, ha very funny. Don't you have some Dragonâ€¦things to do?" Hiccup smiled. "Nope, not today!" Jack groaned in frustration. "But I have things to do and you know exactly, that I can't fly without my staff. So give it back!" "Then you have to take me with you!" Jack groaned again. "Your excuse that I'm too young is not working anymore." Jack looked at him. "I mean, you never wanted to take me with you but why not now?" Jack smiled and crossed his arms. He shook his head. "Fine. Then come along but first." He put forth his hand. Hiccup smiled and let the staff fall into Jacks hand. Jack flew up. "I really should add a protection against mean thieves like you." He smiled and flew towards the woods. "Hey, I'm not at thief. I gave it back!" Hiccup argued and followed him.

Jack sighted frustrated. "Why? I've tried it nice and calm!" Jack was trying to calm down two fighting dragons but they decided not to listen to him. Hiccup on Toothless was fighting a fit of laughter. Jack just looked at him bugged. "Okay enough!" Jack said angry and slammed his staff on the ground. A strong wind came up and the temperature sunk a few degrees. "You!" Jack said angry and turned to one of the Dragons. "What has gotten into you?! That's no manner! What I've told you?!" The Dragon whimpered. "Yeah that's right!" The second one laughed. "Hey!" Jack turned towards him. "There's nothing to laugh at! Look what you've done!" He pointed to the burned trees. "I've told you already a thousand times, Fire is not a toy!" The second one started also to whimper. "You both should better be ashamed of what you've done!" Jack said strict. "You better go back home now! And I don't want to see you guys around for the next time!" The Dragons flew away still whimpering. "Did you just lecture them? And grounded them?" Hiccup started laughing until he got hit by a snowball. He looked at Jack. "You better be silent Haddock! If you feel that smart, then why don't you take over next time?" Hiccup looked at him. "Okay, just calm down." Hiccup held up his hands protective. Jack sighted.

"Why did this even work? Did they really actually understand you?" Hiccup asked. "I've raised them. Their parents got killed byâ€¦well, Vikings." Hiccup looked at him ashamed. "So, every left parentless little Dragon was raised by you?" Jack looked at him. "What else could I've done? Leave them to themselves? They learned to understand me and actually started listening to me." "Butâ€¦that were so manyâ€¦We've killed thousands of themâ€¦" Jack looked at him. "And they hundreds of you." Jack looked at him. "It was a hard time untilâ€¦you came and brought some change in things." He smiled. "But couldn't you have done something?" Jack sighted. "I wish I've could have done something butâ€¦When I would have decided a sideâ€¦I wouldn't be here anymore." Hiccup looked at him surprised. "Why?" Jack laughed a little. "It's complicated." He ruffled his hair. "What about you is, in fact, not complicated?" Hiccup joked. "Well I guess nothing. It's just mortals don't understand things like we do. It's hard to explain to someone who can't understand." Hiccup looked at him. It's right. He was no spirit. He would die one day while Jack would still be there. "Why that sad face all of sudden?" Jack asked. Hiccup looked at him and smiled. "Must have been your imagination. So what else do you need to do?" Jack raised an eyebrow. "Well, take some little Dragons on a flying lesson, looking after some patients

of mine and your father wants to see me." Hiccup nodded. He could still make the best of the time he still had with him. "Well then, let's get started."

## 20. Chapter 19: Loss

Jack sat silent on top of the highest mountain he had found. Around him raged a heavy snowstorm on. That was one of the reasons why he had left Berk today. He just was in the mood for being alone. He didn't want to see anyone. Today was a very bad day for him. It just hurt like hell. It felt like his heart was breaking apart. Jack hid his head in his knees and let the frozen tears fall.

"Have you seen Jack?" Hiccup asked his Father. "No not since yesterday. Why?" Hiccup looked at his father. "He promised me to help me with the Book of Dragons today but he didn't show up." Stoick hummed. "That is indeed very unusual for him. Maybe there was something very urgent he couldn't delay?" Hiccup shrugged. "Maybe you're right. After all he really disappears often without saying a word."

But when Jack didn't return the following day, Hiccup slowly started to worry. Maybe he had been attacked and was now hurt? Or what when he got lost? Hiccup sighted. Even his Father seemed to be a little worried about their Protector. "Maybe we should organize a search party?" Stoick sighted. "I don't know son. Maybe we should give him a little more time? I mean he's now only gone for two days." Hiccup looked at his Father. "I know but you know yourself that he always let us knows when he's longer gone than for one day." Stoick agreed. "Fine. You can go look for him but be back before the sun sets."

Hiccup really didn't know where to search at first for Jack. Was he in the south? In the east? In the west? Or did he head further north? North was the most logical supposition. So Hiccup headed with Toothless north and he got not disappointed. A heavy snowstorm was raging on. This just had to be Jack. As Hiccup got closer he could already see a person but the mountain top was too small to land so he had to leave Toothless further down and to climb up all alone.

Once he reached the top he saw Jack, who looked like a picture of misery. "Jack?" Jack winced and turned slowly his head around. Hiccup didn't really saw his face because Jack had put his hood up. Once Jack saw who it was he just hid his face once again in his knees. Hiccup walked up to him and sat down beneath him. "What's wrong?" Jack didn't answer. Hiccup looked worried at his Friend. "Jack you can talk to me. We're Friends." Hiccup could hear how Jack sobbed and Hiccup just caught him in his arms.

"He's gone." Jack whispered quietly after a while. Hiccup looked at him confused. "Who?" Jack started again to sob. "Frostbite. He's gone." Hiccup hold Jack tight and let him cry. Hiccup could only imagine how he would feel when he would lose Toothless.

"I have an idea." Hiccup said and stood up. He pulled some snow together and formed it. Jack looked curious over Hiccup's shoulder. Hiccup was building Frostbite. Once he was finished he felt like his hands were going to fall off but it didn't matter right now. He looked at Jack. "So he has his own special place and so everyone can

see him and remember him. A little honorific statue for a very special Dragon." Jack whipped away his tears and smiled. He swung his staff and the figure froze over. "For eternity." Jack looked at Hiccup. "Thank you Hiccup."

## 21. Chapter 20: Confession

Hiccup and Jack lay together on a field and looked at the stars. "We haven't done this since I was eight years old." Hiccup said and looked at Jack. He laughed. "Yeah, have been busy." Hiccup nodded. "Me too." "Yeah, busy hunting imaginary Dragons." Hiccup pinched Jack's head. "Ow!" Jack said and Hiccup smiled. "Sometimes I miss these times." Hiccup said and Jack looked at him. "When it was just us two." Jack looked into the sky. "Sometimes me too but you've grown and found other friends and Iâ€¦wellâ€¦changed in some way too." Hiccup looked at him. "What do you mean?" Jack shook his head. "Not that important. Remember the game we've always played?" he suddenly changed the topic. Hiccup sighted. "Yeah of course." He smiled. He looked into the sky. "Okay hmmâ€¦There, that one looks likeâ€¦a Mushroom." Jack laughed. "Really?" Hiccup laughed too. "Well, yes! It really looks like one." "Okay! Let's seeâ€¦There is one that looks like a Bunny do you see it?" He turned his head towards Hiccup. "Do you even listen?" Hiccup blinked. "w...what?" Jack raised an eyebrow. "You didn't listen did you?" Hiccup shook his head. "No sorry." Jack sighted.

"What are you thinking about?" Hiccup shook his head. "Nothing." Jack sat up. "I can see when something's up with you." Hiccup sat up too and looked at him. "I need to tell you something." Hiccup took a deep breath. "Iâ€¦don't love Astrid Iâ€¦there's someone else." Jack looked at him curious. "Is that why you guys broke up?" Hiccup nodded. "And who is this someone?" Hiccup sighted and laid one of his hands on his neck. "It's not that easyâ€¦because it's impossible." Jack looked at him understanding. "You know, I made the experience that nothing's literally impossible." Hiccup stood up and walked angrily around. "You don't understand!" Hiccup looked directly into Jack's eyes. Jack could see that Hiccup was hurt. "It's you! I...It's youâ€¦" Hiccup let himself fall on his knees and cried. Jack looked at him. "Heyâ€¦" Jack knelt down in front of him and hugged him. "It's okay." Hiccup just leeches on him and cries. Jack pressed him against him and tried to calm him. "I'm sorry." Hiccup sobbed. "Nahâ€¦it's fine." Jack smiled encouraging. "I know you told me it's impossible butâ€¦I do it. I really doâ€¦love you." Hiccup whispered against Jack's shoulder. Jack rubbed Hiccup's back and let him cry.

A little while later Hiccup leaned against Jack's chest with his eyes closed. He wasn't sleeping just resting. Jack had laid one arm around him and rubbed it slightly. "I can't hear your heartbeat." Hiccup whispered. "I know. I don't have one." Hiccup slowly opened his eyes and stared into the distance. "But you still got a heart." Jack nodded. "Is this why it is impossible for me to be with you?" Jack looked at him but didn't answer. "Can't you make an exception?" Jack buried his face in Hiccup's hair. It smelled good. "No." That hurt. That really hurt. Hiccup felt like his Heart was breaking. "But I allow you one single kiss." Jack continued. Hiccup turned his head and looked at Jack. "Whenever you want." Hiccup leaned again back against Jack's chest. "Thank you." It wasn't much but it was enough for Hiccup.

## 22. Chapter 21: Memories

"Come on. Try it at least!" Hiccup said. He, Jack and Toothless were in the academy. "How many times do you want to hear it? No! The whole mechanism will freeze over in the Moment I touch it!" Hiccup sighted. "Then I come with you!" Jack sighted too. "You cannot! You can't come with me into my cave!" "Why not?!" Jack turned around and ran his hand through his hair. "It's not that easy to explain." He walked to the wall and sat down. Hiccup sighted and sat beside him. "You could at least try." He tried to encourage his friend. "No one ever has been up there." Jack looked at him. "Maybe it's time you're letting someone inside. Not just inside the cave." Jack understood what he wanted to say but he wasn't sure.

He sighted. "I don't think I'm ready now." Hiccup sighted. "Listen Jack. I know you are several centuries old and I think you just need someone to talk to. All those years you have kept everything inside you. I can see that you finally need to let it out. It's eating you up." Jack looked at the frozen ground in front of his toes. "That's exactly the point. I'm immortal. Even if I would tell you, one day you'll be gone. The more I let you know about me, the more it will hurt when you die." Hiccup looked at Jack. "But that is years away." Jack shook his head. "For a mortal it's a long, long time to go, for an Immortal it's just a blink of an eye. You know that is really something I miss about being mortal. You die and forget. We immortals just never forget. We have to go on and to go on and to go on."

Jack hid his head in his knees. "Every time someone from this island dies it hurts because I've seen everyone growing up. I just think I can't go on like this forever." Hiccup looked at him wide-eyed. "You mean you'll leave us?" "I didn't say that. I just said I can't go on like this. Losing Frostbite was the hardest I've ever had to deal with. I just can't stop imagine what I will do when Gobber goes or your Father or you. Even if I already have seen so much death in my live I can't handle a death of a good Friend." Hiccup looked at him pitiful. "How are other spirits handling this?" "They take the opportunity. They're working invisible. Everyone knows they're there but they can't see them so it's impossible for them to make friends. That's how I tried at first but that way you get pretty fast lonely." Jack looked up and sighted. "I'm sorry I shouldn't bother you with that." He looked at Hiccup and smiled weakly. He just felt how Hiccup pulled him into a hug. "Listen. I'm here for you Jack like you always were there for me. I know I can't fully understand you but let me at least try it. Let me in." Jack shuddered at Hiccup words. "Okay."

They stood in front of Jacks cave. "You're ready?" Hiccup asked. Jack breathed deeply and nodded and walked inside. "Okay Bud. You stay outside and wait for us." Toothless purred and watched them walking inside. They got further inside and slowly the wall were glowing. Hiccup watched it amazed while following Jack. Jack then stopped. "We're here." He said unemotional. Hiccup looked around. "I don't understand why you never let someone in. It's not that bad." Hiccup wanted to go further but Jack stopped him. "When you take the next step you will know. Are you really sure you want to do this? That you really want this?" Hiccup nodded determined and walked further. He stood now in the middle of a room and looked upside. There were icepatterns. He looked at them and somehow it felt like they were moving. There were figures. He could see some normal icepatterns but

also some black one. They were all moving. He could see Jack running. He was chased by some other humans. He could see Jack dying, he could see him laughing, he could see him fighting for his life. He could see everything Jack had gone through. He could feel it. His body was screaming to run away but Hiccup didn't want to. He wanted this but it hurt. He felt dizzy and after seeing Jack meeting himself, everything went black.

When he woke up again he stared into Jack's Face. He looked at him worried. "Are you alright?" Hiccup groaned and held his head. "Ow...yeah. Somehow at least." He slowly sat up and looked around. "I'm sorry. I should have warned you." They were still in that room. "What are these?" He asked. "These are memories of mine. When it was too much to bear I just let it out. The black ones are bad memories and the normal ones are good one." Hiccup looked at them. "That makes sense." He looked at Jack. "Did you cry?" He asked as he saw Jack's eyes. Jack didn't say a word. That was when Hiccup got it. "Every time when someone gets inside this room, they see your memories but you do too, don't you? That's the reason why you never let someone inside this place." Jack bit his lower lip but Hiccup smiled at him. "Thank you Jack." He could finally understand the ice spirit.

## 23. Chapter 22: Tests

"Where are we going?" Astrid asked. "I don't know." Hiccup said. "It's better worth my time." Snotlout said. They were following Jack but it was only them. Jack landed near a gate which led into a dark wood. They got from their Dragons and looked at Jack. "What now is going to happen is a big secret. You mustn't tell anyone. Never." He started. "But what is it?" Astrid asked. "What you never knew is that always I made the decision who was going to be chief and that's why you are here. Behind this Gate is a labyrinth. Your qualifications as Chief will be tested and in the End I will decide who of you will be the next chief." They all looked at him confused. "You mean, there is a possibility that Hiccup isn't going to be the next Chief?" Jack searched for words. "Well, that's correct Astrid. Let's start. You just go in there and your Dragons stay with me. We'll meet you at the finish line." Astrid went inside followed by Snotlout. "Why did you never tell me that? You always said yourself that I will be-" Jack looked at him. "I know! And I'm so sorry about it but I couldn't! I just couldn't it wouldn't have been fair!" Hiccup looked at him hurt. "I'm really sorry." Jack said again. Hiccup went inside without another word.

Hiccup couldn't describe what he just felt right now. But he still could be chief. He could still make it. Hiccup made his way through the labyrinth. He had no idea where to go but he heard once that you always shall take the right path and so he did. He just landed at an impasse. "Great, just great." He sighed. "Excuse me my boy?" Hiccup turned around to see an old woman. Where did she come from? "Would you mind to help me out?" Hiccup asked. He hadn't had time for her but she was just an old woman. And she also looked poor so how could he deny her? "Of course I will help you. Where shall I bring you?" The old woman smiled. "Oh thank you my boy! I know where to go but my feet won't carry me anymore. I need someone to support me." Hiccup offered her his arm and she took it thankfully.

The old woman led Hiccup through the labyrinth. "May I ask where we are going?" Hiccup asked because he had no clue where he was now. "To

my little cottage. It's right behind the next turn." She said and she was right. After the next turn Hiccup could really see a small old cottage. "I'm very thankful! Why don't you come inside and take a break?" Hiccup smiled at her. "I would love to but I really need to go now." The old woman looked disappointed. "Well then not but take this here." She pressed a small blue coin in his hand. "Remember what I say you now: He likes games but only games with a stake." Hiccup looked at the coin. "Well thank you." He looked up but the old woman was gone. What had just happened?

Hiccup felt completely lost. Where shall he go now? Taking always the right turns had led him to the old woman so maybe if he goes again right he would find something or someone else? So he took again always the right turn but it didn't work this time. Hiccup could already see how it gets dark. He sighted. He had never thought that this whole thing would take so long. He sighted and sat down. He looked again at the blue coin the old woman had given him. "Oh how ssssshiny." Whispered suddenly a voice. Hiccup looked around. There were two gleaming eyes staring at him. "Would you ssssswap it?" There was a really big snake with arms coming closer. "Swap? What would you give me for the coin?" The snake put a little bag on the ground. "Everything that issss in the bag for the coin you have." Hiccup looked suspicious at the bag. "What is in the bag?" The snake shrugged. "Maybe sssssomething ussssefull or maybe sssssomething usssselesssss." Hiccup didn't know what to do. Swap? Or not swap? The bag was small so there were clearly now weapons in there. What to do? "Take your time. I have time. Do you have time?" Hiccup frowned. "Iâ€ swap." The snake smirked. "That issss a good choice you made." Hiccup laid the coin into the hand of the snake and the snake gave Hiccup the bag. The bag was really light. Hiccup opened the bag to look inside. There were three eggs and one feather. As he looked again up was the snake gone. What the hell shall Hiccup do with three eggs and a feather?

Hiccup soon changed his mind. The eggs were snake eggs and the feather. Wow the feather was really special. It shimmered in all colors of the rainbow when you hold it into the light. Hiccup had never seen something that beautiful. Hiccup had continued his way. He asked himself how far Astrid and Snotlout were now. Are they alright? And had they met the same strange creatures? Hiccup sighted. Thinking about it won't make it better. "Hey, hey you?" Hiccup turned his head. "Yeah you! Here!" Hiccup saw a little mouse sitting on a big leaf. "You, you! Give me one egg!" Hiccup frowned. "Why shall I give you one egg?" The mouse seemed to be annoyed. "I want it, I want it! One egg and I show you the way!" Hiccup was thinking. Why not? He would still have two more. "Fine, you will get your egg as soon as you showed me the way." The mouse pouted. "I want it now! Now! Right now!" Hiccup chuckled. The mouse acted like a little child. "Show me the way and then you will get your egg." The mouse jumped on the ground. "Fine, fine! I show you the way! Follow the little mouse!" ant the mouse speeded off. Hiccup ran after her. This mouse was really fast.

Hiccup followed the mouse for a little while and then the mouse stopped. "We aren't outside now." Hiccup said and looked at the mouse. The mouse climbed up and sat down on Hiccups shoulder. "There, there! Big mean guy! Never let mouse through!" Hiccup looked around the corner. There slept a big, hairy creature. "It will eat us! It will eat us!" The mouse screamed full of fear. "Shh you will wake it up!" Hiccup shushed her but it was too late. The creature looked at

them. "Well, well what do we have here? Lunch and a tiny little dessert." It was a really big lion or tiger. It came closer. "Wait, wait!" Hiccup said. "Wait? Why would I want to wait?" Hiccup was thinking. "A Game! Let's play a game! If I win you let us go and won't eat us. If you win thenâ€¦ then I give you this bag here!" Hiccup held up the bag. The creature sat down. "A game? I love a good game but we will play my game." Hiccup agreed. "Fine. I give you one riddle. Answer it right and you win." Hiccup nodded. "Alright, give me your riddle." The creature smiled superior. "What can you catch but not throw?" Hiccup looked at the creature. Was it serious? It was one of Jacks favorite riddle. Was this a trick? "Aâ€¦ cold. You can catch a cold but you can't throw a cold." The creature looked at Hiccup. "A cold? What's a cold? You are wrong!" Hiccup looked at the creature. "No, I'm right! A cold is a cold. You know when you are sick and you have fever and pain in the limbs." The creature lay down. "No, you are wrong. There is no such thing like a cold. I won." Hiccup sighted but then he got an idea. "Oh I know. You are stupid, dumb. That's why you don't know what a cold is. I mean EVERYONE knows what a cold is right little mouse?" Hiccup winked at the mouse. "Oh, oh yes! All knows what a cold is, yes, yes!" The creature bowed down to them. "You two are lying." Hiccup shrugged. "Maybe we are or not. Whatever. How can be that stupid the he doesn't even know the solution to his own riddle? I mean-" Hiccup got interrupted. "Stop that. I'm not dumb. Of course is a cold the solution. I was just joking. You two can pass."

Just like the mouse promised she led Hiccup out. "I thank you." Hiccup said as he could see the exit. "Egg! Egg, Egg, Egg!" Hiccup smiled. "Here." The mouse looked at Hiccup. "Three eggs? For Mouse?" Hiccup smiled. Yes, he had decided to give the Mouse all three Eggs. "Well I'm very thankful and I don't need them anymore. You can have the Bag too so you can transport them but the Feather is mine." The Mouse was very grateful and disappeared back into the Labyrinth. Hiccup came out the exit just at the exact same time Snotlout and Astrid came out. Jack was waiting for them. "You all have done very well." Jack smiled. "You all have something left." Snotlout gave Jack a war horn, Astrid a Sword and Hiccup of course the Feather. "Oh, we hadn't had the Feather in years." Jack said and looked at it. "So who's going to be chief?" Snotlout asked impatiently. "The one who brought the sword back."

## 24. Chapter 23: Chosen

He couldn't believe it. Astrid? The next chief? How could Jack do this to him? Why? Hiccup just flew on Toothless further and further and landed somewhere wide in the north. He just sat down into the cold snow. "Oh Boy, Betrayal hurts doesn't it?" Hiccup turned around to come eye to eye with Pitch. "You?" Hiccup got up and drew his sword. "Oh, so aggressive. I knew that this little Spirit will let you down. I can help you. I can still make you chief." Pitch offered. "No!" Hiccup ran towards him but suddenly stopped. Toothless got taken captive and a second later Hiccup was too. Pitch banged them hard on the ground. Hiccup felt dizzy and he couldn't see straight. Pitch got closer. "Well, I can't destroy your little friend but I can still destroy you!" Pitch swung his scythe and Hiccup just closed his eyes and waited for the pain to come. He felt something splatter into his face but he didn't feel any pain. He slowly opened his eyes just to see Jack collapsing in front of him.

"Jack!" Hiccup got fast to him. "Jack!" He said again and lifted him a little up. There was a big wound on his left side which was bleeding heavily. "Oh godâ€|Jackâ€|" He looked at him. "Justâ€|a scratchâ€|" He laughed. "Just hold on!" Hiccup turned towards Pitch. He stood up and picked his sword up. Hiccup was furious. "Toothless you keep an eye on Jack and you!" He pointed towards Pitch. "You're mine!" Pitch smiled malicious. This was going to be wonderful.

Hiccup swung his sword and brisk up to Pitch. Pitch moved aside and flung a wave of his sand against Hiccup. The Viking jumped aside and looked up. He wouldn't get near Pitch if he would continue like that. That Nightmare was just too fast. He needed an idea and that fast.

Hiccup looked at Jack. He was definitely not able to help him. Hiccup hadn't had the speed Jack had or the power. So what could a normal human do against a Nightmare King? Hiccup looked at Pitch who was smiling predominant at him. This Spirit was sure sneaky and powerful. So what to do?

Hiccup once again speeded towards Pitch. This time he wasn't fast enough and got hit by a wave of the black sand. Hiccup hit the ground several times before he lay motionless on the ground. He couldn't see straight but he could see how multiple black figures made their way towards Jack and Toothless. Hiccup couldn't let them die. He needed to do something.

"Don't give up." Hiccup suddenly heard a female voice but he couldn't see anyone. "You can save them. Believe in yourself." Hiccup pushed himself up. Yes that's right. He can save them. He can defeat this living Nightmare.

Hiccups sword caught fire. Hiccup ran against Pitch and caught him off guard. The Nightmare King got slung away and bounced against an ice wall. Pitch just had time to get up before he got hit again but Hiccup had been inattentive. Black sand winded around Hiccups feet, he couldn't move anymore. Hiccup looked up and saw Pitch smiling at him. Pitch reached his hand out and black scythe appeared. If Hiccup wouldn't get away soon this would end bad.

Pitch was running towards him, ready to strike. Hiccup searched for a way to get away from the deadly strike. Hiccup looked at his sword and then at Pitch. He had only this chance. He threw it towards Pitch. The Nightmare King hadn't had expected that and couldn't elude the attack timely.

The sand around Hiccups feet loosened. The sand disappeared and with him the Nightmare King. He actually defeated Pitch but there wasn't much time to be happy about it. He retrieved his sword and ran back to Jack. "Jack!" He slowly picked him up. He made some painful sounds. "I've got you don't worry." He placed him carefully on Toothless and climbed up. "Back to the village fast!" Toothless flew upwards. "Noâ€|" Jack said weakly. "They can't helpâ€|We needâ€|my Father." There was blood running out of his mouth. Hiccup bit his teeth. "Justâ€|follow the wind." Jack weakly swung his staff and a gentle wind came up. Hiccup gently pressed Jack against him. "You heard him Toothless." Toothless purred and flew as fast as he could.



Hiccup kept a careful eye on Jack. He got weaker. "Hold on you little idiot!" Jack laughed. "I'm not a little." Hiccup smiled a little bit. "I'm now taller than you." Jack just snuggled up on him. "I'm sorry I'm just so tired." Hiccup looked at him. "Jack listen, you have to stay awake!" Jack nodded. "I will." With Jack getting weaker the wind suddenly was gone. "Okay Toothless, just fly further in this direction. We must be on the right way." Hiccup hoped. But soon it got colder. Without Jack's wind protecting them, they were helplessly freezing.

Toothless tail froze solid and they crashed down. Hiccup didn't let go of Jack. "I'm sorry Jack." Hiccup whispered. "No I'm sorry." Jack said weak. "Mind if I kiss you now?" Hiccup asked with his shaking voice. "I promised you." Jack smiled. Hiccup bowed over him and pressed his cold and freezing lips against Jack's. "I'm sorry I couldn't save you." Hiccup whispered and placed his head on Jack's chest. "Now we're all dying here." He whispered and then everything went black.

Suddenly Hiccup felt something warm touching him. "Wake up my boy." He heard a soft woman voice. He opened his eyes to come eye to eye with a young and beautiful woman. Her hair was black and some green leaves were woven into it. Her hand touches his right cheek. "Tell me young one, what's your name?" She asked and Hiccup looked into her dark eyes. "Hiccup Horrendous Haddock the third." He whispered. "Your love is a strong one my child." She smiled. "You risked everything for it even your own life." Hiccup squinted his eyes. "I'm dead?" The young woman nodded. "Get up my boy." Hiccup tried but his entire body felt so heavy. "I can't" he said. "Don't be afraid, young one. I'm here to help you." Suddenly Hiccup felt as light as a feather. He could stand up with ease.

The young woman swung her hand and on her right side appeared an image, showing himself, Jack and Toothless buried in the snow. "Jack! Is he dead?! What about Toothless?!" Hiccup panicked. "Don't worry about them my child." She smiled and looked at the created image. Hiccup turned toward the woman. "You are Mother Nature!" he said with amazement. She walked towards him and stopped right beside him. "You did exceptional things." She said and looked at him. "You show very good qualities as a leader." Hiccup sighed. "But I wasn't chosen to be the next chief of my village." Mother Nature just giggled. "Don't you see it boy? You were meant to be something bigger than just a chief of a simple village. You brought the Feather. "

Hiccup looked at her. "What so special about the Feather?" Mother Nature swung once again her hand and the war horn, the sword and the Feather appeared. "The Horn represents Loyalty. The sword represents Leadership. The Feather represents truth or honesty it also stands for the element air." Hiccup was still confused. Mother Nature chuckled. "What I want to say is that you are very honest Hiccup Horrendous the third. You are someone who is born to lead but your talents would be wasted by just becoming Chief." Hiccup looked at her. "You're here because you are chosen to be the leader of the seasonal spirits; you are chosen to be the Spirit of Fall my child and he knew." She pointed at Jack. Hiccup just looked at her. "He knew?" Hiccup asked aghast.

She smiled and laid one hand on his back. "Wake up my boy and embrace your new life." She pushed him and Hiccup felt how he fell. Pictures of his life showed up. He just smiled and felt happy but then he hit

the bottom. It hurt and he felt like he was burning. "Don't be afraid my child." He heard her voice again and he trusted her. Hiccup closed his eyes and let it happen.

## 25. Chapter 24: A new self

Oh wow, I just realized that after this chapter only one more and an epilog will come up... x) So be ready for the End :P

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><p>"He's waking up." He heard a voice. A woman but not Mother Nature this time. "What do you think happened?" she spoke. Hiccup slowly opened his eyes. There was a feathery something. He looked at her. "Oh, North he woke up!" A big and strong man in a red coat and a white beard showed up. Hiccup had seen him before. It was Jack's father. "How are you boy?" The man asked. Hiccup just looked at him. "What's your name?" The woman asked. "It's Hiccup." North answered for him. "You need rest boy." North added. Hiccup shook his head and sat up. The Woman looked at him. "Don't worry. We've got Jack and your little Dragon friend. They've both survived." She smiled and gently pushed him back into his bed. "Thanks." Hiccup whispered before he went back to sleep.<p>

When he woke up the next time he was all alone. He sat up and looked around. It was the same wooden room than before. He was still in his clothes and got slowly up. He looked into the mirror to see that his eyes were even greener than before and his Hair got a little bit brighter but apart from that he was still the same. He opened the door and was in a hallway. He didn't know where to go. "So you're finally up." He heard the man's voice and turned towards him. "I think we have met before." Hiccup looked at him and nodded. "Where is Jack? How is he?" Hiccup asked him. "Follow me." North said and led Hiccup through the hallway. "He's over the worst but still needs rest. Pitch had struck him very hard and he'd lost a lot of blood." He explained and stopped in front of a door. "He's in this room." North said and looked at Hiccup. Hiccup just nodded and slowly opened the door. Jack was lying on the bed and slept. "I'll leave you two alone." North said and disappeared.

Hiccup closed the door behind him. He walked towards the bed and looked at Jack. His eyes were closed and his chest rose constantly. "I'm so sorryâ€|" Hiccup whispered and sat down on the bed. He leaned over Jack's face. "If it wouldn't have been me thenâ€|" Hiccup sighed. "I wouldn't be here without you." Jack whispered and slowly opened his eyes. He raised one of his hands and buried in Hiccup's hair. "You've changed." He narrowed his eyes. "Your eyes andâ€|your hair." Hiccup smiled and nodded. "Youâ€|feel different you'reâ€|" Hiccup just nodded and Jack smiled. "Who would have thought that?" Jack said and Hiccup shook his head. "I know that you knew it." Jack shrugged a little and smiled. Hiccup rolled his eyes and smiled. "You've seen Toothless yet?" Jack asked and Hiccup shook his head. "Not now." Jack looked at him. "Well you better do this now I'm sure he's worried. I feel tired anyway." Hiccup nodded and got up. He walked towards the door but stopped. "Before I forget." He walked back to Jack and kissed him. Jack looked at him surprised. "Not forbidden anymore." Hiccup winked at him and Jack just rolled his eyes but smiled.

With every day Jack felt better and Hiccup was just happy that everything turned out so well. Hiccup spent the most of the time with Jack. He got a lot of questions now that he was a Spirit too.

"How can someone just have so many questions?" Jack huffed and Hiccup just chuckled. "I just want to understand. That's all." Jack smiled. "There's still something that you need to do. Or actually there are two things." Hiccup raised an eyebrow and looked at Jack. "What do I need to do?" Jack smiled at him. "At first I would suggest you visit your Father and explain him everything but make sure that only he sees you and no one else. And then there's your real task. You need to find the Castle of Seasons." Hiccup looked curious at Jack. "Castle of Seasons?" Jack nodded. "Yeah. It's hidden somewhere in the middle of the Pacific. A small island, invisible to mortals. It's your first step in your training. There's only one rule: You have to do this all alone."

Hiccup sighted. "Then we'll meet again in that Castle." He said and looked at Jack who nodded. "I'll be there when you arrive and not just me. Mother Nature and the other seasonal spirits will be there too." Hiccup nodded. "I'll find this island right after I have visited my Father so he doesn't have to worry anymore." Jack smiled at him. "I'm sure you'll find it in no time. Just rely on your new abilities then you will be on the safe side." Hiccup kissed Jack once again before he set off with Toothless.

## 26. Chapter 25: Goodbyes

The talk with his Dad had been harder than expected. But Stoick was proud of his son. He truly was. Hiccup sighted. Now to the real task. Finding this castle. He had no clue how to do this. All he knew was that it lay in the Pacific. It felt like he and Toothless were already since an eternity on the way. To his surprise he didn't feel tired or exhausted. One of the few advantages of being a Spirit. Hiccup didn't know where to go so he just directed Toothless in the direction he thought was right.

After a week he really did find it. It was somehow a really bleak place. There just was a castle built from stone and around it a forest but no single tree had leaves. They looked grey and dead. Hiccup landed with Toothless on top of the castle. Mother Nature already awaited him. "This was record time." Hiccup looked confused at her. "One week is record time?" She smiled and nodded. "Now, follow me boy." Hiccup did as he was told.

They arrived in a big hall with a big glass dome. Hiccup looked up at it. It showed the four seasons. Then his look wandered to the other persons in the room. "May I introduce? This is the Spirit of Spring, Rapunzel, the Spirit of Summer, Merida, and the Spirit of Winter, Jack. My Childs, this is Hiccup, the Spirit of Fall and your future leader." "Nice to meet you, Hiccup." Rapunzel said and smiled at him. "I hope we'll work good together!" Merida said and glanced shortly at Jack. "Hey! What do you want to say with that?" Jack returned. "Ohâ€¦ nothing. I just wanted to mention your your incompetence so he'll know." Merida smiled at Jack. They started a fierce argumentation.

Hiccup raised an eyebrow. "Don't worry. It's this opposite season thing. Actually they are Friends." Rapunzel said and smiled. "We're

not Friends!" They both said at the same time. Rapunzel chuckled. Mother Nature sighted deeply. "I wish you good luck with them. Anyway, I fear it's already time to say your Goodbyes." Hiccup looked confused at her while the others seemed to understand what she meant. "What a shame! But we'll see each other in about 200 years." Merida said. "And me in about 400." Rapunzel smiled. Jack stayed silent. "What do you mean?" The girls didn't answer. "Jack, what's going on?" Jack bit his bottom lip and stayed silent. Mother Nature cleared her throat. "Jack, why don't you stay here and explain everything to Hiccup while I sent Rapunzel and Merida back?"

Once they were gone Hiccup looked expecting at Jack. "It's complicated." Jack sighted. "Tell me. What's going on? Why are they leaving? Will you leave too?" Jack huffed. "Let's sit down this may take a while." They sat down on the big table that was placed in a corner. "I better start at the Beginning. At first you need to know that Jack Frost was born in the 1700s." Hiccup wanted to interrupt but Jack was faster. "Please let me explain at first." Hiccup sighted but nodded. "300 years later I was chosen to be a Guardian. Pitch was trying to take over the World with his Nightmares and he had help. He had an Ally and that Ally was you." Jack could see that Hiccup was shocked. "We had no chance and the Guardians were already defeated by you and Pitch. The only chance to save the world was traveling back in time and to find you before Pitch would. That's why we are here. That was our Quest."

Hiccup swallowed hard. "You mean I become a villain?" Jack shook his head. "No because this time we found you first. You won't get swallowed by the darkness this time." Hiccup had so many questions. "Then you actually don't exist?" Jack stayed silent for a little time. "Not in this timeline. Like I said. Jack Frost will be born in the 1700s. Mother Nature will send me back into my time too. It may be that the Jack Frost you'll meet in this timeline won't remember anything of this." Hiccup grabbed Jack's shoulders. "You'll forget about me?!" Jack sighted deeply. "My Timeline doesn't exist anymore because we changed it. The Rapunzel, the Merida and the Jack you met in this timeline will stop to exist because our timeline doesn't exist anymore. You'll meet another Jack Frost in about 600 years."

Hiccup hugged Jack tightly. "But I don't want to lose you!" Jack smiled and returned the hug. "You won't lose me. We'll meet again I just may be a little bit different than I am now." Hiccup buried his head in Jack's hair. "Will you stop loving me?" Jack broke their hug and smiled at Hiccup. "I already told you. A Spirit can only love once and when they love, then they'll do it for eternity. It may take time for me to remember those feelings but they won't be gone. My Love for you will still be there but just needs some time to bloom again." Hiccup smiled also at Jack. "I just hope you won't give up on me." Jack chuckled and Hiccup shook his head. "Never. I'll never give up on you."

In that Moment Mother Nature returned. "It's time Jack." She said. Jack looked once again at Hiccup who kissed him. "600 years are a long time!" Hiccup sighted. Jack chuckled. "600 years is a blink of an eye for a Spirit." He said and kissed Hiccup's cheek before he went over to Mother Nature. He looked one last time at Hiccup before he went with her.

## 27. Epilogue

Hiccup was dying. At least it felt like that. Finally, finally the 1700s has arrived. Just a few more years, just a few and thenâ€¦ He would explode! His body, his heart was longing for Jack. He would see him soon. So soon. Oh dear, he would probably not survive this. It didn't matter for him anymore if Jack would remember him or not. It was enough if he could see him again face to face. Hear his voice again. It would be enough for him.

He had tried to hunt Jack down but he had no idea how Jack looks like as a human. Anyway. Jack was now the only one who was still missing. Rapunzel and Merida already showed up. And they all had decorated a quarter of the Forest around the Castle. Hiccup had learnt that this forest is the Forest of seasons. So every seasonal spirit would decorate one quarter of the Forest. Now only Jack's part looked still dead and empty. Hiccup would often stare at those dead trees, feeling as dead as they looked like. "Hiccup!" He looked up and saw Rapunzel's smiling face. "He's here!"

Hiccup rushed the big hall. He's here! Jack's here! Finally! "Ah, there he is. Jack, this is Hiccup, Spirit of Fall and the leader of the seasonal spirits." Jack smiled at him. How he missed this smile. "It's nice to meet you, Hiccup." Jack held out his hand. Hiccup smiled. He said his name after such a long time. "Niceâ€¦ to meet you too Jack." He took Jack's hand. "Why don't you show Jack around, Hiccup?" Hiccup nodded. "Sure, let's go!"

"This is such a huge place! I hope I won't get lostâ€¦" Jack huffed as they reached the roof. "Don't worry. I'm sure you'll get along just fine." Jack smiled at Hiccup. "May I introduce you to someone?" Jack looked curious at Hiccup. "Who is it?" Hiccup smiled and blew out a whistle. Jack could see something black getting closer and closer. Soon he saw that this was a Dragon. The Dragon landed in front of him who came happy at him. Jack chuckled while Toothless was licking his face. "Calm down Toothless." Toothless looked up and let go of Jack. "I'm sorry." Jack smiled. "It's alright." It was really hard for Hiccup not to give in and to tell Jack about his time travel but Mother Nature had been strict. No one shall know. Neither Jack, nor Rapunzel, nor Merida. No one. Hiccup cleared his throat. "Now thenâ€¦ Shall I show you your room?" Jack smiled at Hiccup and nodded.

Weeks passed and Hiccup got the feeling that Jack was avoiding him. He had no idea why and he didn't like it so he was very surprised as he opened his door, after a knock, and saw Jack. "Heyâ€¦" he said. Hiccup frowned. "No offence butâ€¦ what do you want?" Jack took a deep breath. "I wanted to talk." Hiccup nodded and showed Jack to enter. Jack looked around. Hiccup's room was full of gadgets and inventions. The walls were full of maps and construction plans. On the ceiling was even a small planetary system mounted. "Are those all yours?" Hiccup nodded. "Yeah." Jack looked at Hiccup. "And you built them all by yourself?" Hiccup chuckled. "Yes, I hadn't had any help." Jack smiled at him. "Now, what do you want to talk about?"

"It's justâ€¦" Jack sighed deeply. "I have the feeling that I forgot something important." Hiccup raised an eyebrow. "And why do you come to me with that?" Jack bit down on his lip. "It's becauseâ€¦ every time I close my eyes I see you." Hiccup frowned. "I see you smile, crying or laughing and Iâ€¦ I just hoped that maybe you could help

me rememberâ€¦" Hiccup huffed and placed a hand on Jack's cheek and the other on his upper arm. "I can't help you remember. You have to do this all on your own butâ€¦ ask yourself, does it really matter?" Jack looked surprised at Hiccup, who leaned his forehead against Jack's. "Does your past really matter to you that much? It can't be changed anyway." Jack looked down. "I dunnoâ€¦"

Hiccup made Jack look at him. "It's up to you to decide if you want to live in the past or in the now. But I could give you a little foretaste if you should choose the now." Jack looked curious at Hiccup who came closer until their lips touched. Not the gesture was shocking; it was rather this similar feeling that overtook Jack.

As they broke apart Jack could only stare at Hiccup. He had the feeling that he has just fallen in love. Was that even possible? "Stop looking like that." Hiccup's words brought Jack back from his trance. "What? What?" Hiccup chuckled. "Are you alright?" Jack nodded. "Have you decided yet?" Jack blinked a few times. He was really curious about that feeling he had of forgetting something important but on the other handâ€¦ he may lose what he just found in Hiccup if he would chase after this feeling. "I choseâ€¦" Hiccup held his breath. "I choseâ€¦ the now andâ€¦ you." Hiccup hugged Jack tight. "Oh dear, do you know how happy you've just made me?!" Jack chuckled. "I dunno?" Hiccup smiled. "Let me show you." Hiccup leaned forward and kissed Jack once again. Jack smiled into the kiss. "You know, I could get used to this." Jack said after they broke apart. Hiccup smiled. "That's good because we'll be doing this a lot from now on."

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